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Presidential Address

To the 111th Annual Convention of the Theosophical Society
Adyar, 26 December 1986

MAY Those who are the embodiments of Love Immortal bless with Their help and guidance this Society founded to be a channel for Their work. May They inspire it with Their Wisdom, strengthen it with Their power and energize it with Their activity.

IT was in 1925, fifty years after the founding of the Theosophical Society, that Mr J. Krishnamurti began his great mission. Having himself realized freedom, his work was to free men unconditionally from the psychological bondage responsible for their problems as well as for the condition of human society as a whole. He said: 'I would help him [man] to break away from all limitations, to free himself from all fears. ... My desire is that man should be unconditionally free.' Since that time till 17 February this year, when he passed away, Mr Krishnamurti travelled all over the world speaking to growing audiences, bringing home the profound significance of being inwardly free. With his passing a certain epoch has ended.

Adyar Day will henceforth also be associated in the minds of many members of the Theosophical Society with Krishnaji and his illuminating exposition of the meaning of life. His departure from this world has brought to many a new awareness of the profound and revolutionary nature of his teachings. Numerous educators, philosophers, students of comparative religion, psychologists, scientists, men and women in public life and others met him. The crest-wave of intellectual advancement has indeed been channelled into spirituality through their contacts and discussions with Krishnaji. The content of his talks revealed to them that the root of the human problem is in the psyche of man, and that no tinkering with outer circumstances, inventing of new systems or ideologies can end the travail of man. The soil from which human potentiality can unfold and flower is a mind which has delved into itself.

When there was a danger within the Theosophical Society of it becoming set in a tradition and pattern of thought of its own, Krishnaji's passionately intense challenge shook the presuppositions and attitudes of its members. He called upon everyone to shun the bypaths, to discard beliefs, forms and ceremonies and go to the central point which is the urgent need to bring about a total change within.

H.P.B. warned that most organizations like ours do not survive for more than one hundred years. Generally they become encrusted with dogma and degenerate

into some kind of sectarianism. The members tend to rest upon the oars of their past achievements, giving little attention to discovery and action in the present. If the Theosophical Society has escaped such a fate, it is in large measure due to Krishnaji's questioning and criticism. This may not have pleased all members of the Theosophical Society, but nonetheless it helped to restore vitality to the pursuit of the fundamental aims of the Society.

Those who came into personal contact with Krishnaji saw for themselves the human spirit at its best, a manifestation of utter selflessness, a pure compassion and wisdom. He was a Theosophist in the full sense, a *brahma-jnānin* or knower of Truth, although he was not a member of the Theosophical Society. The Theosophical Society can be justly proud of having sponsored and made known a teacher who has had such a profound impact on contemporary thought and whose influence is likely to grow, and not diminish, with time.

Human society is built up of concepts and undoubtedly many new ones will be invented in the future by the clever brain of man. These concepts, however brilliant, have not helped to resolve the complex problems with which man has been surrounded. Violence, greed and tensions have steadily increased. Krishnaji has awakened the insight of many to the futility of moving from one set of concepts to another, for all thought and conceptual speculation is limited. The Theosophical Society can continue to be a force for the good, only to the extent that Theosophy does not become another set of concepts or beliefs. Theosophy is in reality the living wisdom which comes into being through observing and understanding the process of life, not merely at the physical level, but also at the psychological and subtler levels of existence. Wisdom is born when the mind casts aside its preconceptions and limitations and moves into a different dimension. It is the work of the Theosophical Society to be in the vanguard of such a change—a change which will help to build a new world-order because there is a different awareness of relationships and of the essential nature of things.

In the present day, the technological transformations which are taking place and the 'culture' generated by television and other mass media are reducing the mind to a state of abject mediocrity. Technological ability is constructing the unnatural environment in which most people live, especially in the expanding urban complexes. Pleasure has become a drive so compulsive that the mind becomes an automaton, even while it imagines itself to be free. It is easy in these circumstances for people to close the doors of their minds to new horizons. Spiritual perception is stifled in an atmosphere of conformism and search for enjoyment.

The redeeming feature is that a number of thoughtful people, including scientists, are beginning to realize that in the present strife-ridden society, the mind is missing the meaning of existence. It is so fragmented and superficial that it fails altogether to discriminate between the glitter of illusory aims and the true direction of human growth. The Theosophical Society must show the way towards real progress. Every person can take a step forward from where he is in unfolding his understanding and

perceptions. He has to un-learn a great deal and abandon accepted norms and lines of least resistance. Theosophy has a message for each one wherever he is. To give that message is the most important purpose of the Society and its branches.

I cannot sum up the purpose of the Society better than by using the words 'human regeneration', the inner revolution which cleanses the mind. When this is not understood, the pursuit of the three Objects of the Society can become wayward and misleading. In fact, with regret one has to observe that there are too many Lodges and groups of members in the Society whose interpretation of the work of the Society indicates a loss of direction. To be theosophical means to be concerned with the movement from the present limitations and folly of the mind to the wisdom from which alone right action emerges. Preoccupation with subsidiary aims, study of methods to improve physical health, research into psychic phenomena and so forth, do not help humanity to a wiser way of life, although they have their uses.

Recasting old ideas, collating knowledge from different sources and academic pursuits are also not synonymous with doing theosophical work. As we said earlier, mere concepts do not help to solve problems or liberate man from his conflicts and unhappiness. The learning of others may at times serve as an aid to activate one's own perceptions. But without clear awareness and inward apprehension for oneself of what is true and what is not in the experiences of life, Theosophy ceases to be a light.

A new impetus is needed within the Society to encourage the spirit of serious enquiry and deep reflection which lead to an 'unveiled spiritual perception'. The important subjects to ponder over and probe into have been dealt with from different angles in books, but no book can reveal to the mind the secrets of life unless it is alive and ready to see. The subject of death has figured prominently in the literature of Tibetans, Egyptians, Indians and others. But the mystery of death, which is also the mystery of life, cannot be understood simply through reading the numerous verbal descriptions and explanations.

Millions of people, including Hindus, Buddhists, Jains and members of the Theosophical Society, believe that the death of the body is not the end of life and that there is a series of incarnations ahead of each person. They say with apparent conviction, that when the body dies the experiences of life are not over, and so forth. But when actually confronted with the death of the body, the theories vanish, there is dread of the approaching end, sorrow and uncertainty. No clearer proof is needed of the inadequacy and futility of theories and concepts. Other people's words are as chaff in the mouth in a moment of crisis.

The secret of death cannot be plumbed by learning from others about the process of death or about life after death. The phenomenal side of existence is being continually scrutinized and analyzed by scientists. But they are themselves the victims of fear and ignorance concerning the purpose and meaning of the phenomena which they study. Ignorance and alarm are dispelled only through an objective, serious investigation of the essence and significance of death and what life is. The process of shedding

vehicles and entering new ones, according to various descriptions, is complex; it is hardly worth while disputing its details, since most people can only speculate upon them or believe on the basis of some authority. But death itself is simple. It means letting go. No authority is needed, no belief has to be accepted to let go. The secret of death is known only by him who has pondered over the happenings around him and understood what is true and false, what is worth while or not. Then he lets go of all the things of no value. His mind is then uncluttered, alive to understand the beauty of life and act with harmony and wisdom.

It seems to me that with the entry into a second century of its life, the Theosophical Society must promote a new spirit leading to direct apprehension. The stale approach is that of turning back to the past, to recapitulate what others have said. This must yield place to the more vital and creative work of seeing for oneself through study, reflection and purity of life. To quote the words of Annie Besant: Theosophists must 'regard Truth as a prize to be striven for, not as a dogma to be imposed by authority. They consider that belief should be the result of individual study or intuition and not its antecedent, and should rest on knowledge, not on assertion.'

Valuable instructions have been given in theosophical books about the themes which need to be investigated and understood. Membership in the Society is based on freedom of thought and freedom to pursue one's own line of enquiry. H.P.B. gave 'free and fearless investigation' as a watchword for members and chose 'There is No Religion Higher than Truth' as the motto of the Society. What is the meaning of 'free and fearless investigation'? What sort of obstacles are there within the mind to such investigation? Is investigation compatible with dogmatic assertion, easy acquiescence, beliefs, attachment to denominations, to nationality, religion and so forth? How is the mind, conditioned from infancy by a variety of influences, to break out and understand in depth the nature and significance of life?

Before one can investigate with freedom and fearlessness, there must be a great deal of self-observation and thoughtful study of the hidden motives and attachments which cloud the mind. So, a short phrase like 'free and fearless investigation' has profound implications and calls for sustained work to understand those implications. If the phrase is repeated because it has come from a person whom one respects, it has little value, being a lifeless piece of verbiage. But when the full depth of meaning is patiently searched for and discovered, then the phrase is the springboard from which the mind soars into the realm of a new understanding and action.

There are other important subjects of theosophical value which have been written about and whose meaning and depth have to be discovered by individual members through private and group work. What does it mean to learn to be 'self-reliant', which the Mahātmās stressed? Most religions have made people dependent and afraid. The Theosophical Society does not seek to add to the number of such fear-ridden persons. It promotes an approach of self-responsibility, not seeking favours, saviours and

solutions outside. Idolatry and the conventional concept of God have no place in the theosophical approach.

There are members in the Society who are unaware of these essential points and who try to advocate various cults and beliefs in their Lodges. A sufficiently large core of members must take up the task of making the right approach on such questions as these central to the work of the Society and its branches, or else they will deteriorate. The spirit of investigation we spoke about, self-knowledge, self-responsibility altruism, brotherhood, concern for the whole of life, etc. — all these are questions of primary interest if the Society is to retain its vitality and if Theosophy is to become a living wisdom in the consciousness of the members.

Apart from Mr Krishnamurti, another figure known all over the theosophical world, and who formed a link with the events of the earlier part of this century, was Mrs Rukmini Devi Arundale. On 24 February of this year, she passed away after a prolonged illness. Her role in reviving the classical dance form of India and promoting the arts won for her acclamation from many quarters. As a member of the Upper House of Parliament in India, she was able to get legislation passed for better protection of animals. She came into close contact with the leading figures in the Theosophical Society after her marriage to Mr Arundale in 1920, and because of her travels with him. Theosophy meant for her the pursuit of beauty and kindness, especially towards the animal kingdom. With her death, the number of persons who belonged to the era of Annie Besant and C.W. Leadbeater has decreased still further.

During the year, the Theosophical Society in America celebrated its one hundredth anniversary. After several years, the venue of the Convention was once again Wheaton and 'Olcott', the Headquarters of the Section. A history of the Section was presented at the Convention through a video programme and a lecture by Miss Joy Mills. A number of well-known workers of the Section gathered together for the occasion which was a very happy reunion. I had the pleasure of being with the American members for this event, along with some Indian and other overseas delegates. Mrs Dora Kunz, National President, who presided over all the special events of the Convention, and her staff, provided a warm reception and stimulating programmes.

Another Centenary of importance occurring now is that of the Adyar Library and Research Centre. Mention of this was made in my Presidential Address to the Convention last year. Since then the special Jubilee Volume of the Library's journal *Brahmavidyā* has been prepared and printed and other special publications brought out. *Chaturdasa-lakshani*, a classical treatise on logic with two commentaries, the *Siddhānta-panjara* on the systems of Indian philosophy and a literary work, the *Naishadhānanda* are among the highlights of the publication programme. The Upanishad volumes which were out of print are also being reprinted. Contributions have been coming into the Adyar Library Endowment Fund from various sources and it now stands at about Rs.300,000. Much more has to be collected in order to provide a sound basis for the research and publication work which is going on.

The Vice-President of India, Mr R. Venkataraman, has kindly agreed to honour the celebration with his presence on 28 December. We are also expecting Mrs Pupul Jayakar, Adviser to the Prime Minister of India on Cultural Resources and Heritage, to participate. Indian television is telecasting a half-hour documentary about the Library and major newspapers are bringing to the attention of the public the special features of our Library.

Dr C.V. Agarwal, General Secretary of the Indian Section, mentions that there were several events in the Section of considerable importance, including a visit by Mr J. Krishnamurti to the Headquarters of the Indian Section on 6 November 1985 and the passing away of veterans like Mrs Rukmini Devi Arundale and Thakur Jaideva Singh, a distinguished musicologist and humanist, who was a long-time member of the Section. There was a considerable drop in the number of members, bringing it down to 9,719. Dr Agarwal reports that there is a distinct and visible change in the life-style of hundreds of members and their families in the rural areas where Theosophy has been presented. Each year a number of study camps are held in the Section. In the cosmopolitan town of Bangalore, when the two Lodges of the city celebrated their centenaries, many hundreds of persons were attracted to the lectures, almost in competition with the size of the Convention at Adyar.

Dr Hugh Gray, General Secretary for England, mentions again the many activities taking place at the Headquarters in London. The bookshop of the Theosophical Publishing House was shifted to new and more attractive premises, and a computer was installed. The English Section has taken a more direct interest in the development of its Tekels Park estate in Camberley, where there are many week-end programmes, lectures, etc. Plans are in preparation for celebrating in 1988 the centenary of the publication of *The Secret Doctrine* and the founding of the British Section. Though the membership is still falling, Dr Gray comments that 'the quality of new members is reassuring and events at the larger centres are well attended'.

Work is proceeding satisfactorily in Scotland from where the Presidential Representative reports that the libraries at both Glasgow and Edinburgh are well used. They have had a theosophical video education unit and a magazine of their own since last year. In Aberdeen, where many elderly members have passed on, an effort is being made to build a new membership since enquirers are coming forth. The Belfast Lodge, in Northern Ireland, valiantly carries on a regular programme of public talks and discussions in spite of the violence.

The report from New Zealand mentions visits by Miss Jeanine Miller and Miss Ianthe Hoskins. Miss Hoskins visited all sixteen Lodges in the Section, conducting full-day seminars in several places and giving stimulating lectures. The cassette centre of the Section has as usual done good business.

The Australian Section reports a certain amount of growth and change of direction. While some Lodges have seen drops in attendance others are expanding in numbers and activities. Miss Jeanine Miller lectured in the major Lodges after attending the National Convention.

The Chairman of the European

Federation, Mrs Barbro Melander, is keeping in touch with the different Sections in Europe. The Federation has been encouraging mutual contacts and the study of Theosophy through 'mini schools' in several places. Adyar Verlag, in Austria, has published a new book entitled *The Unity of Life* by Dr Norbert Lauppert. For the first time in many years there was a slight increase in the number of members in Belgium. The Danish Section's report refers to a further increase of membership and the publication of *The Chakras* by C.W. Leadbeater.

Another Section where there has been a considerable increase in membership during the year is Italy, where the total number of members on 30 September was 1,307. In this Section, also, publication work is going on steadily. France, on the contrary, has lost a few members. However, small fluctuations are not necessarily an indication either of greater interest or less.

The Yugoslav Section is very small and seems to have tided over the difficulties mentioned in previous reports. They have settled down to regular work and received visits twice from Miss Mary Anderson and also from others. The Swiss Section is also a small one. The General Secretary mentions that it is all the more important that the flame of Theosophy should be tended in such areas. The Headquarters of the Section is in Geneva, where the language in use is French; in the German-speaking area, the activities are centred in Basle.

The General Secretary for Sweden reports that there were two short schools during the year, one on evolution in Gothenburg and another one on meditation in Orebro. In the university town of Uppsala, activity has started again after some years. Finland has an enthusiastic membership and has eighteen active Lodges. *The Crest Jewel of Wisdom* by Sri Sankarāchārya, *The Seven Principles of Man* by Annie Besant and *Self-Culture* by I.K. Taimni, were translated and prepared for publication.

A study camp was held in Norway on 'The New Thrust in Theosophy'. Guest speakers from Sweden helped the work of the Section, which also profited from having video programmes of Mr Krishnamurti's talks, alternating with a study programme on Theosophy. Iceland had a small increase in membership. A regular feature of their programme at the capital city of Reykjavik is instruction on meditation for members and the public. The General Secretary reports that there is an increase in book sales.

There is nothing special to say about Greece where there are six Lodges active in Athens and one outside the capital. As reported last year, the Section's journal *Ilisos* has a large circulation. From Holland news has come that the bookshop had an excellent year of sales. Every year there is a joint Convention of the Netherlands Section with the Point Loma Society and the United Lodge of Theosophists.

The report from East and Central Africa mentions that theosophical work remained quite active in Kenya, Tanzania and Zambia and hopes are still alive of reviving the work in Uganda. I am informed that at most theosophical get-togethers there is a growing number of indigenous people thanks to the work done by the national lecturer, Mr Reuben

Thuku. A new venture was the creation of Trust Funds in Kenya and Zambia to provide financial aid to weaker Lodges and regions.

In West Africa there are twelve Lodges with a total membership of 331. The annual Convention was on the theme of 'Transformation'. A week-end seminar on 'An Open Mind' was held at the University of Science and Technology in Kumasi. They deplore their inability to receive books freely, owing to the severe monetary restrictions in force in the country. Adyar is trying to help the Section with substantial gifts.

The Theosophical Society in Southern Africa is going on with its regular activities. They are producing video tapes of lectures for use by the Lodges. Harare (Zimbabwe) received a visit from Mr Thuku who gave talks there.

There are nine Lodges in Central America. Fortunately the Lodge building in El Salvador did not suffer damage from the terrrible earthquake. The Mexican Section's headquarters is now in Puebla, where a theosophical library for the public has been established. They brought out several pamphlets in Spanish and also other material for the dissemination of Theosophy. A well-attended summer school was held. The Section is sending books to other Latin American countries nearby. Among visitors to the Section were myself, Mr Walter Ballesteros, General Secretary for Colombia, and Professor M. Charneco from Puerto Rico. Activities are also steadily carried on in Caracas, Venezuela. They have distributed their magazine *Unidad* and other literature to members and the public and started an elementary course in Theosophy.

In Brazil and Argentina activities are continuing as usual. A gift of land was received in the federal capital, Brasilia, which will be used for establishing a Theosophical Centre. The sale of publications helps to finance other activities. In Argentina there is a regular programme of publications, study and dissemination in most of the important centres.

The Colombian Section has published a new book entitled *From the Illusory to the Real* by its General Secretary. Its programme of lectures, monthly letters to new members and so forth, continues as usual. In Cuba, a number of Lodges have regular activities both in and outside the capital, Havana. The Cuban theosophical journal regularly publishes translations of Dr I.K. Taimni's books.

Conditions in Sri Lanka continue to be difficult, but in Colombo and some other places, activities are being carried on. Mr T.R. Rustomjee, who had been General Secretary for more than ten years, passed away in May this year, which is a great loss to the Section. The Indonesian Section would like to have many more theosophical books available for study and distribution, but it is reported that translators are not easily available. The programme of training-schools, previously initiated, is continuing. The Philippines Section has launched wholesale distribution of theosophical books through mail-order and bookstore chains. The Section has undertaken the printing of *At the Feet of the Master* and also an introductory course in Theosophy in Philippino. As Lodges have so far been concentrated in some urban centres, an effort is being made to go out to the provincial areas.

Every year I have visited different areas of the world in order to have direct knowledge of the work which is going on and to make contact with the principal workers. During the year, preceding the centenary of the American Section I visited a number of places in the United States and Canada. My journey also included a short trip to Mexico and a stay in the Krotona Centre in California. Miss Joy Mills was in Europe for the European School of Theosophy, while Mrs Emily Sellon was the chief guest at the British Convention and Summer School. All these visits are, needless to say, valuable to the work of the Society.

Immediately after the American Section's Convention, a publication conference was held at Wheaton, with representatives from the Theosophical Publishing Houses in Adyar, London, Wheaton and Paris. Many points of mutual interest were discussed and decisions taken regarding the various matters on which the publishing houses have to co-operate.

The Theosophical Publishing House in Adyar has increased its sales. Apart from reprinting a number of titles, it undertook the publication of two new books, namely *Truth, Beauty and Goodness* and *No Other Path to Go*, both by myself. Life-subscriptions to *The Theosophist* have reached approximately the figure of Rs.100,000. It will be of advantage both to the T.P.H. and to subscribers if there is a further increase of life-subscriptions. A scheme has been introduced for providing life-subscriptions for *Adyar Newsletter* also. The plans for the T.P.H. building to be constructed in Besant Gardens have been submitted to the city authorities and we hope to start construction during the coming year.

The School of the Wisdom had two sessions as usual. Mr Rohit Mehta was the Director from January to March and gave morning courses on 'Theosophy and the Study of Comparative Religion, Science and Philosophy'. From October to December, Mrs Seetha Neelakantan directed the studies. Her theme was 'Man in the Universe: His Nature, Latent Powers and Unfoldment'. During both terms there were a variety of other courses in the afternoons and some extra-mural lectures in the evenings. These last are attracting more and more of the public from outside our headquarters as a result of steady advertising and publicity through invitations to selected persons.

Mr C.R.N. Swamy reports that the inflow of fresh material to the Archives was not unsatisfactory. But not all Sections and workers seem to remember that important documents, registers, letters, photographs, press-cuttings and so forth should be sent to the Archives as they may be of great historical interest to posterity. The General Secretary of the Indian Section has decided to deposit the original Minutes Books of the Section in the Archives, which we are very glad to have. As material increases, much more space will be needed for the Archives and its staff than available in the present premises.

On 1 January 1986, Mr S.S. Varma, one of the senior members of the Indian Section, became international Treasurer and Dr R.S. Gupta, also of the Indian Section, was appointed as assistant treasurer. We are happy that both of them agreed to take over these responsibilities at a time of need. During

most of the year, Mr Conrad Jamieson was Superintendent of the Garden Department and Mrs Helen Jamieson was Superintendent of Leadbeater Chambers. They, too, have been of great help. Since 5 December, Mr Jamieson has been Secretary of the Society in the place of Mrs Norma Y. Sastry who was overburdened with several different duties. Mrs Sastry is now the General Manager of the Estate and also takes care of the accommodation of visitors. Captain S.P. Venkatesh and Mr John Ryan of Australia have very recently undertaken the care of the Garden. There are no other changes of staff to report at the moment.

The work at headquarters has been proceeding well on the whole. There have been many activities besides those mentioned by me. Lectures, study programmes and informal gatherings take place throughout the year. Work to improve the buildings, garden, etc. at headquarters is proceeding as fast as possible. Yet, there is so much more to be done. I am very happy that quite a few members from overseas have come to help the work at Adyar in various ways. Mr Brian Milne and Miss Sarah Spreckley from England and Mr Baden Offord, Mr John Ryan and Mr Christopher Macfarlane from Australia are among the newest additions from overseas to our band of workers. I am also very glad to welcome Mr Curt Berg, who has been elected as international Treasurer, and his wife, Kerstin Berg, from Sweden. Though our strength has happily increased in this fashion, yet it always seems that there are not enough hands to carry out the work.

Such a Society as ours cannot function except through the dedication and sacrifice of its members. Dedication exists in different degrees and levels. There are those who give a little of their time, energy or resources. Others give more of themselves or even sacrifice all other interests and preoccupations for the sake of this work. But most difficult of all is to work with no thought of self—without wanting recognition, importance or even results. When there is inner purity and largeness of heart and mind, and a deep concern for others, more is achieved than may be visible at the outer level. The spirit of altruism does not coexist with demands on behalf of the self. That spirit, the inward purity, is what is needed most to fulfil the aims of the Society.

Outer activities are necessary. They must be carried out with accuracy, dignity and thoughtfulness. A spirit of co-operation must pervade those outer activities. But by themselves they are not enough; even when action is well done, it is not sufficient to give an impetus for the world's progress, unless the heart is clean, the mind open and the vision pure. This, we must all strive to bring about within ourselves if we would lighten the world's burdens and ensure peace and joy for humanity.

RADHA BURNIER

TREASURER'S REPORT
AND
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30TH SEPTEMBER 1986

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

I have pleasure in presenting this report on the accounts of the Society for the year ended 30th September 1986.

The General Fund stood at Rs. 1,20,39,683 as against Rs. 1,00,88,990 on 30th September 1985. This is a reflection that the overall position of the Society's finances is good. This has enabled our Society to incur Capital Expenditures like additions to buildings, compound wall, plant and machinery, etc. to the tune of Rs. 16,82,783. The total of the Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund and John Coats Adyar Centenary Fund put together stood at Rs. 68,35,997 on 30th September 1986 as against Rs. 65,63,711 on 30th September 1985. It is also to be noted that the Long Term Deposits stood at Rs. 91,11,930 on 30th September 1986 as against Rs. 84,94,930 at the end of last financial year.

The appeal for contributions to the Adyar Library Endowment Fund has met with a good response, bringing the Fund up to Rs. 2,61,990 compared to Rs. 1,50,538 at the end of September 1985.

Likewise the Olcott Education Society Endowment Fund has increased during the year under report by Rs. 1,24,242 totalling Rs. 5,15,291 as at 30th September 1986.

The result of the different departments are seen from the Income and Expenditure account. Thus the net cost of running the *Adyar Library* was Rs. 1,84,518. This is about Rs. 75,000 more than last year, due mainly to increased maintenance cost for the air-conditioning system and the writing off of the value of older bulletins and books.

The *Garden Department* has increased its sales from the Nursery but the sale of coconut has gone down. Together with increase in cultivation expenses in the nursery and repairs of vehicles, the department shows a deficit of about Rs. 79,000.

The Theosophical Publishing House has not come up to the surplus of last year. For the year 1985-86 it was only Rs. 1,61,545. The deficit in *The Theosophist* has been reduced by about Rs. 3,900 and *Adyar Newsletter* has increased its surplus by about Rs. 2,200.

Taking all the factors into account, the overall position of the finances of the Society is satisfactory.

CURT BERG
Hony. Treasurer

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30TH SEPTEMBER 1986

I. ADYAR BESANT COMMEMORATIVE FUND INVESTMENTS

(as on 30-9-1986)

S.No.	*Particulars*	*Amount*
		Rs.
1.	11% Bank of India, Madras, Deposits	50,000
2.	11% Grindlays Bank, Madras, Deposits	472,000
3.	11½% Madras Central Co-operative Bank Deposits	50,000
4.	10% Indian Bank, Madras, Deposits	20,000
5.	11% Indian Bank, Madras, Deposits	1,621,000
6.	11% State Bank of India, Madras, Deposits	40,000
7.	14½% Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. Deposits	500,000
8.	14½% Steel Authority of India Ltd. Deposits	1,000,000
9.	14½% Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. Deposits	300,000
10.	14½% Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited Deposits	500,000
11.	14½% Bharat Electronics Limited Deposits	500,000
12.	14½% Cement Corporation of India Ltd. Deposits	500,000
13.	14½% Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. Deposits	400,000
14.	4% Canadian Pacific Railway Co. Debenture Stock	45,000
	Total Rs.	5,998,000

II. JOHN COATS ADYAR CENTENARY FUND INVESTMENTS

1.	11% Indian Bank, Madras, Deposits	587,000
2.	11% Grindlays Bank, Madras, Deposits	230,000
	Total Rs.	817,000

FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 1986

		1984-85	1985-86
		Rs.	Rs.
The Theosophical Society in	Australia ...	24,185	19,800
,,	Austria ...	2,791	3,642
,,	Belgium ...	4,619	6,544
,,	Bolivia ...	—	615
,,	Brazil ...	7,712	2,932
,,	Canadian Section ...	486	2,514
,,	Canadian Federation ...	—	367
,,	Central America ...	1,488	1,417
,,	Chile ...	939	883
,,	Colombia ...	4,765	1,410
,,	East & Central Africa ...	—	1,751
,,	England ...	19,231	17,906
,,	Finland ...	6,485	—
,,	France ...	17,018	24,276
,,	Germany ...	4,482	5,397
,,	Iceland ...	2,419	—
,,	India ...	31,772	20,033
,,	Indonesia ...	2,209	—
,,	Ireland ...	—	52
,,	Italy ...	—	5,355
,,	Mexico ...	2,118	2,327
,,	Netherlands ...	55,449	—
,,	New Zealand ...	5,180	—
,,	Philippines ...	1,637	—
,,	Portugal ...	461	—
,,	Puerto Rico ...	2,712	2,345
,,	Scotland ...	—	545
,,	Southern Africa ...	873	521
,,	Spain ...	1,569	1,531
,,	Sweden ...	4,198	2,484
,,	Switzerland ...	1,681	1,734
,,	Uruguay ...	2,940	1,095
,,	U.S.A. ...	105,780	—
,,	Venezuala ...	—	1,190
,,	Wales ...	385	1,009
,,	West Africa ...	1,419	2,333
,,	Yugoslavia ...	—	7,994
Lodges attached to Adyar	...	3,633	5,465
Fellows at large	...	1,072	1,662
		321,708	147,129

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Previous Year		EXPENDITURE	Current Year		
Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
		Departmental Results:			
	— 108,831	Adyar Library ...		—184,518	
	— 9,287	Bhojanasala ...		— 18,241	
	— 9,748	Garden ...		— 79,905	
	— 23,010	Leadbeater Chambers ...		— 32,865	
		Maintenance ...	—548,136		
		Less: Provision for Buildiug Maintenance ...	100,000		
	— 537,572			—448,136	
	+ 202.455	Theosophical Publishing House ...		+161,545	
	— 48,919	Vasanta Press ...		— 61,461	
534,912					663,581
		Establishment and other Expenses:			
	—	Contribution to Schools ...		20,000	
	36,632	Contribution to Adyar Library ...		41,670	
	8,457	Child Welfare Centre ...		—	
	2,728	Deposit Linked Insurance ...		2,732	
	545	Insurance Fund Administration ...		546	
	21,320	Dispensary ...		20,804	
	20,904	Deepavali Gifts ...		20,538	
	19,215	Estate Management ...		18,805	
	3,128	Fire Insurance ...		4,163	
	22,845	Headquarters Department ...		26,521	
	3,639	Information and Public Relations Department ...		1,913	
	62,903	International Offices ...		74,619	
	13,500	Legal and Audit Expenses ...		129,098	
	12,936	Miscellaneous ...		5,724	
	15,225	Motor Car Maintenance ...		35,995	
	34,086	Movable Properties Department ...		46,929	
	10.540	Museum and Archives ...		4,950	
	21,905	Postage, Telegrams and Telephones...		27,468	
	22,057	Printing and Stationery ...		21,893	
	2,019	P.F. Administration Charges ...		2,021	
	30,599	Retirement Allowances ...		23,235	
	12,747	Sanitary Department ...		16,827	
	223,727	Security Department ...		209,309	
	16,704	School of the Wisdom ...		8,961	
	50,621	Taxes ...		42,368	
	2,393	Travelling and Conveyance ...		3,769	
	1,929	Bad debts written off ...		—	
	16,415	Repairs to Buildings ...		31,401	
689,719					842,259
	22,226	Provisions for Gratuity ...			19,343
	100,000	Provisions for Buildings Maintenance ...			—
122,226					
		Depreciation on:			
	217,835	Immovable Property and Compound Wall ...		231,766	
	19,502	Adyar Library Building ...		19,502	
	2,060	Film Projector, Tape-Recorder and Air-conditioner, etc., ...		1,649	
	2,436	Motor Cars ...		1,949	
	12,897	Movable Properties ...		10,961	
254,730					265,827
76,590		Surplus (after effecting transfers to Reserves) transferred to General Fund ...			—
1,678,177					1,791,010

MADRAS
4th August, 1987

SOCIETY, ADYAR, MADRAS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 1986

Previous Year	Income	Current Year
Rs.		Rs.
34,658	Donations Received...	174,548
318,036	Fees and Dues Received	147,129
1,096,800	Interest and Dividends	1,146,067
62,000	Licence Fee Received	55,000
17,304	Overhead Charges	21,653
147,914	Quarters Maintenance	151,056
1,465	Profit on Sale of Investments	—
—	Miscellaneous	684
—	Deficit carried to General Fund	94,873
1,678,177		1,791,010

For The Theosophical Society
CURT BERG
Hony. Treasurer.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT

30th September 1985		LIABILITIES	30th September 1986	
Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
		General Fund:		
	8,672,310	Balance as per last Balance Sheet ...	**10,088,990**	
	942,023	*Add:* Donations Received in Cash and in Kind ...	**594,956**	
	—	Donation for additional printing machinery from U.S.A. ...	**61,280**	
	—	Land acquisition compensation from State Government ...	**128,112**	
	348,848	Surplus on Sale of Kotagiri Property ...	—	
	49,219	Government Grants for Capital Equipments for Adyar Library ...	**47,986**	
	—	Rights Distribution from Union Carbide Corporation ...	**12,654**	
	—	Transfer of Casuarina Reserve ...	**31,557**	
	—	Transfer of Capital Expenditure Fund ...	**754,151**	
	—	Transfer from Adyar Estate Improvement Fund ...	**414,870**	
	76,590	*Add*: Surplus from Income and Expenditure Account ...	—	
			12,134,556	
	—	*Less*: Deficit from Income and Expenditure Account ...	**94,873**	
10,088,990				**12,039,683**
11,069,129		**Other Funds** ...		**10,958,744**
		Current Liabilities and Provisions		
	679,388	Current Liabilities ...	**1,225,081**	
	363,567	Provisions ...	**273,220**	
1,042,955				**1,498,301**
22,201,074				**24,496,728**

MADRAS
4th August, 1987

SOCIETY, ADYAR, MADRAS

30th SEPTEMBER 1986

30th September 1985		ASSETS		30th September 1986	
Rs.	Rs.			Rs.	Rs.
		Fixed Assets:			
7,610,972		As per Annexure	...		8,637,015
		Investments: (At Cost)			
	6,300	Government of India Bonds	...	6,300	
	10,107,820	Fixed Deposits	...	10,033,930	
	336,334	Foreign Investments	...	336,334	
	115,128	Other Securities	...	115,128	
10,565,582					10,491,692
		Current Assets, Loans and Advances:			
	1,340,092	Stocks	...	1,936,757	
	468,432	Sundry Debtors	...	380,492	
	734,913	Cash and Bank Balances	...	1,579,555	
	1,481,083	Loans and Advances	...	1,471,217	
4,024 520					5,368,021
22,201,074					24,496,728

For The Theosophical Society
CURT BERG
Hony. Treasurer.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, MADRAS

FIXED ASSETS — ANNEXURE

PARTICULARS	GROSS BLOCK				DEPRECIATION			NET BLOCK	
	As at 30-9-1985 At Cost or Written Down Value	Addition	Deduction	As at 30-9-1986	Upto 30-9-1985	For the year	Upto 30-9-1986	As at 30-9-1986	As at 30-9-1985
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Land and Development ...	245,409*	—	60,674	184,735	—	—	—	184,735	245,409
Buildings ...	7,853,917*	326,853	—	8,180,770	2,109,832	252,268	2,362,100	5,818,670	5,744,085
Plant and Machinery ...	746,104	80,202	—	826,306	—	120,231	—	706,075	746,104
Furniture, Fixture and Equipment ...	359,738	31,067	7,022	383,783	—	57,775	—	326,008	359,738
Electrical Installations ...	95,617	—	—	95,617	—	10,540	—	85,077	95,617
Vehicles and Live Stock ...	14,695	—	—	14,695	—	2,887	—	11,808	14,695
Books and Manuscripts ...	259,981*	22,572	—	282,553	—	—	—	282,553	259,981
	9,575,461	460,694	67,696	9,968,459	2,109,832	443,701	2,362,100	7,414,926	7,465,629
Capital Work-in-Progress, at Cost ...								1,222,089	
								8,637,015	

*At Cost

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

BUDGET FOR 1986-87

EXPENDITURE		Rs.	INCOME		Rs.
Special Departments:			**Special Departments:**		
Adyar Library	...	208,500	Adyar Library	...	36,500
Bhojanasala	...	71,500	Bhojanasala	...	60,100
Garden Department	...	218,000	Garden Department	...	196,000
Leadbeater Chambers	...	76,600	Leadbeater Chambers	...	55,000
Maintenance Department	...	810,000	Maintenance Department	...	258,700
Adyar Newsletter	...	15,600	Adyar Newsletter	...	18,500
The Theosophist	...	179,700	The Theosophist	...	135,000
Theosophical Publishing House	...	303,400	Theosophical Publishing House	...	651,200
Vasanta Press	...	366,100	Vasanta Press	...	347,560
School of The Wisdom	...	11,000	Donations	...	30,000
Social Welfare Centre	...	10,000	Fees and Dues	...	150,000
Contribution to Olcott Schools	...	30,000	Interest (Gross)	...	1,080,000
Deepavali Gift	...	22,000	Licence Fee	...	60,000
Deposit Linked Insurance	...	2,800	*Quarters Maintenance	...	200,000
Dispensary	...	20,000	Excess of Expenditure over Income	...	24,940
Estate Management	...	20,000	*Add*: Deficit on the Theosophist taken direct to T.P.H. Balance Sheet	...	44,700
Fire Insurance	...	6,000			
Headquarters Department	...	24,000			
Information and Public Relations Department	...	2,000			
International Offices	...	80,000			
Interest on Funds and Accounts	...	8,000			
Legal and Audit Expenses	...	50,000			
Miscellaneous	...	20,000			
Motor Cars Maintenance	...	20,000			
Movable Properties Department	...	50,000			
Museum & Archives	...	20,000			
Postage, Telegrams and Telephones	...	35,000			
Printing and Stationery	...	25,000			
P.F. and Insurance Fund Administration	...	3,100			
Retirement Allowance	...	25,000			
Sanitary Department	...	18,000			
Security Department	...	230,000			
Taxes	...	45,000			
Travelling and Conveyance	...	4,000			
Provisions: For Gratuity	...	15,000			
For Buildings Maintenance	...	100,000			
Depreciation on Assets	...	200,000			
Surplus on the Adyar Newsletter taken direct to T.P.H. Balance Sheet	...	2,900			
		3,348,200			3,348,200

* Quarters Maintenance includes net collection from Bhojanasala and Leadbeater Chambers besides the General Recoveries.

HEADQUARTERS

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OFFICERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENT FOR 1987

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4. Mr Curt Berg — *Treasurer*
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6. Mr S.S. Varma
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General Manager: Mrs Norma Y. Sastry

Adyar Library: *Director*: Dr K.K. Raja
Librarian: Mrs Seetha Neelakantan

Archives: Mr C.R.N. Swamy

Bhojanasala: Mr K. Ramanathan

Bookshop: Mr C. Seshadri

Garden Department: Captain S.P. Venkatesh
Mr John Ryan

Information Officer: Mr C. Seshadri

Leadbeater Chambers: Mrs Helen Jamieson

Maintenance Department: Mr R.M. Tolani
Mr B. Milne

Medical and Sanitary Department: Dr S.V. Joseph

Movable Properties Department: Mr S.M. Amarnath Rao

School of the Wisdom: Mr Conrad Jamieson

Security Department: Mr D.V. Subramaniyam

Theosophical Publishing House: *Manager*: Mr R. Gopalaratnam
Editor: Mr John Clarke

The Theosophist: *Assistant Editor*: Mrs Seetha Neelakantan

Vasanta Press: *Manager*: Mr B.K. Rao

THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE

Once again I am happy to report that we have reprinted 29 titles and our sales have picked up considerably. The titles reprinted are: *No Other Path to Go; Truth, Beauty and Goodness; Man's Supersensory and Spiritual Powers; Hidden Side of Things; The Supreme Splendour; The Mirror of Life and Death; Dharma; The Life After Death; A Textbook of Theosophy; Reconstruction in Education; Peace and Education; The Science of Yoga; How Theosophy Came to Me; Karma; Meditations on the Occult Life; Hidden Wisdom in the Holy Bible Vol.* II; *Creative Silence; In His Name; H.P.B. Tibet and Tulku; The Pathway to Perfection; To Those Who Mourn; Christ and Buddha; Buddhist Catechism; An Introduction to Mahatma Letters; Biography of Annie Besant; Theosophy, The Divine Wisdom; Is Theosophy a Religion?; Through the Gateway of Death and The Child.*

In July, to coincide with the Centenary Celebrations of the American Section, the Publishing Conference was held at Wheaton. We were represented by the International President and Mr R. Gopalaratnam, the Manager. Mrs Helen Getting, the Chairman of Theosophical Publishing House, London, was also present. The conference proved worthwhile and rewarding.

Life subscriptions for *The Theosophist* have caught on and we have 97 life subscribers. The life subscription for the *Adyar Newsletter* is yet to take off and it is hoped that this also will receive the necessary support.

We have instituted 15-year subscriptions for these two journals for lodges and hope that the lodges will come forward to subscribe to these journals.

We have received many appreciative letters from all parts of the world in regard to the new design and format of our books.

We have made considerable headway in regard to reprinting those books that have been out of print for a long period. We hope by the end of 1987 we will be in a position to keep abreast of our printing schedules.

Our thanks are due to the many Theosophical Bookshops all over the world and more especially to the Theosophical Publishing House in Wheaton and London for their support in the furtherance of the sale of our publications.

MR R. GOPALARATNAM
Manager

THE ADYAR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE

The highlights of the year under report were:

(1) The inauguration of the Centenary year on 27 December 1985 during the International Convention of the Theosophical Society. His Excellency, Sri H. L. Khurana, the Governor of Madras, presided, and Mr G. Parthasarathi, Chairman, Indian Council of Social Science Research, gave the inaugural address. Many invitees from the city of Madras were present on this occasion, besides the delegates attending the Theosophical Society's Convention.

(2) The organizing of the first Colloquium on 'Problems of Communication'

during April 2-6 with Dr K. Kunjunni Raja, the Director of the Adyar Library, as Project Leader. As announced in the report of 1985-86, this was made possible because of a generous grant from the Ford Foundation, being part of the special programmes to be organized during the Centenary year. Prof. K. Satchidananda Murty inaugurated the session with Prof. S. Bhattacharya of Calcutta Universtity as the General President. The problems of linguistic communication were discussed at length with 25 scholars participating.

Staff:

During the year Dr (Prof.) S. Sankaranarayanan, who retired as Director, Oriental Research Institute, Tirupati, joined our Research Section as Hon. Professor. Mrs Sonal Murali, a member from Rajkot, joined the administrative staff as an assistant. Mrs Shaila Phadke helps in the Cataloguing section as a part time worker.

Publications:

During the year the revised edition of *Samgitaratnakara*, vol. 3 on Tāla and Vādya (ALS 78), and *Virātaparva-manipravāla-mañjari*, a poem in Sanskrit-Tamil on an episode from *Mahābhārata* (ALG 9) were released, besides the *Adyar Library Bulletin*. Others to be shortly completed are: *Jīvanmuktiviveka* with Tamil Translation (ALG 10) and *Samnyāsapaddhati* on rites concerning the Samnyāsins (ALS 114).

We plan to release during the Centenary Celebrations in December 1986: the complete *Caturdaśalakṣani*, a Navya-Nyāya manual with commentaries, edited by the late Pandit S. Santhanam Aiyar (ALS 116); *Naiṣadhānanda*, a drama, edited by Dr A. K. Warder and Dr K. Kunjunni Raja (ALS 112); *Siddhānta Pañjara* of Vināyaka on systems of Indian Philosophy, edited with translation by Dr E.R. Sreekrishna Sarma and Dr K. Kunjunni Raja (ALP 44).

The Bulletin has 131 subscribers (paid up to end of 1986) and 88 exchanges. Some exchanges had to be stopped as the library was not receiving the exchange copies for some time.

Services Rendered:

During the year under report photocopies of 29 papers MSS. and Transcripts totalling 6,413 frames; 25,820 from books and journals; and 7,190 of documents and archival material were supplied. Microfilms of 20 MSS. (Palm leaf and Paper) were supplied to research scholars.

Repair and Preservation:

In the Library binding section 534 books and pamphlets were repaired and bound. 12 books were laminated.

Acquisition and Cataloguing:

During the year 1,797 books were added to the collection. Out of these 371 were purchased through Government Grant and 36 through allotment from the Theosophical Society; 20 were on exchange basis; and the rest were gifts.

Our grateful thanks are due to: The International President—63; Mr J.B. Singh —282; Mr P.N. Kumar—122; Dr A. Ashok —101; Mrs Anantalakshmi—82; Prof. H.E. Hakim—82 (Urdu); Miss Carin Citroen —62; Mr Jayanand Hiranandani—32; and Mr P.N. Sukumar—25; The Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar—104, being mostly translations of theosophical publications in other languages, besides new reprints.

Out of these, 1,087 have been catalogued and put on the shelves. Besides these during the year 752 books in German

had to be reclassified with wide subject references.

We also express our appreciation and thanks to the Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton, Illinois, U.S.A., which continues to send the new Quest Books; and the Theosophical Book Association for the Blind, Ojai, California, for Braille editions of theosophical books.

Manuscripts:

The cataloguing of the Manuscripts in Telugu script received from Mr V. Ramanujachari of Hyderabad, as well as those presented by Dr N. Aklujkar and Mrs V. Raghavan has stopped due to want of necessary personnel. We hope to undertake and finish the work during the coming year.

Grants-in-Aid:

The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Dept. of Eudcation, Government of India, sanctioned, as in pervious years, a grant of Rs. 40,000 towards purchase of books and equipment. This made it possible for the library to buy a cutting machine for the binding section. Other items added were 12 units of steel shelves, 1 unit of card drawers for the *Bulletin* subscription cards, 4 units of card index drawers for the card catalogue, and one typewriter.

As in the past years, a sum of Rs. 45,000 was sanctioned by the Department of Human Resources for the preservation of MSS. during 1985-86. This has made it possible for Dr E.R. Sreekrishna Sarma and Dr K.V. Sharma to continue their work in the field of Prabhakara School of Mimamsa Philosophy and a descriptive survey of the Astronomical and Astrological literature of Kerala, respectively.

Circulation:

The library has 487 readers, 181 borrowers from the city and 59 resident borrowers. 1,309 MSS., 38,166 books and journals were consulted in the library premises, while 5,227 books were loaned out.

Research Scholars:

A number of students, professors and scholars from India and abroad used the library's valuable books and MSS. for their studies. Those from India were about 50 from various research Institutes and Universities in India.

Among those Research Fellows from outside India, mention may be made of: Prof. Asko Parpola, Scandinavian Institute of Asian Studies, with his team of scholars; Prof. Kaleswar Bhattacharya, Centre de la Research Institute, Paris; Prof. K. Janert, Koln University; P.S. Prohmsuwan, Mahāchula Buddhist University, Bangkok; Dr and Mrs. Soni, McMaster University, Ontario, Canada; Prof. J. Daniel White, University of North Carolina; and Prof. Robert E. Brown, Diego State University, U.S.A.

Visitors:

The unique collections of the Adyar Library always attract a large number of visitors. Among about 6,700 such visitors mention may be made of: Mr G. Parthasarathy, Chairman, Indian Council of Social Science and Research, New Delhi; H.H. Vibhuti Narain Singh, Maharaja of Benares and Head of the All India Kashi Raj Trust; Dr A. J. Joshi, Sanskrit Department, Chandigarh; Dr Alexander Vololodavsky, USSR Academy of Science, Moscow; and Dr Michael Hahn, Switzerland.

MRS SEETHA NEELAKANTAN
Librarian

THE SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM

The name of the International Centre of Theosophical Studies was changed to The School of the Wisdom as from 1 October 1985 because it was felt that the latter name conveyed better the work of the Centre.

There were two sessions during 1985-86. During the first term, 1 October-15 December 1985, the Director of Studies was Mr A. R. Bakshi, a long-standing member of the Indian Section and a deep student of Theosophy and eastern philosophies. The theme was 'Man and the Universe', being a critical study based on *The Secret Doctrine*, Vedic and Upanisadic texts, Puranas and other works including the Koran. Besides the regular classes at the School, he also gave summarized versions of his regular lectures to the workers and others at Adyar and in Madras. The average attendance during the term was 25.

The second session opened on 15 January 1986 with Mr Rohit Mehta as Guest Director, his theme being 'Theosophy and the Study of Comparative Religion, Science and Philosophy'. Average attendance was 25-30, although total registration was 100—many not attending the full term.

During both terms, extramural lectures on specialized topics by invited speakers were arranged for the evenings. There were supplementary studies on specialized themes in the afternoons. During the first term they were: 'History of the T.S.' by C. R. N. Swamy; 'Religions of the World: Their Transcendental Unity and Diversity' by Mrs Seetha Neelakantan; 'Theosophy, Practical and Applied and Survey of Theosophical Literature' by Mr A Suryanarayan Moorthi. Workshop Training for Students by Mrs Seetha Neelakantan included the presentation of Research Papers.

During the second term, the theme of the afternoon talks was 'Milestones in Theosophical Literature' with various speakers participating. Musical evenings were arranged by Mrs Shridevi Mehta.

MRS SEETHA NEELAKANTAN
Director

THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE

Though not officially a part of the T.S., the object of the T.O.S. is, in a practical way, to realize universal brotherhood.

Pride of place in this report must go to the Philippines Section where several significant service projects have been instituted. The current emphasis is on projects which can assist families to develop income earning activities. Day—Care Centres for Third Degree Malnourished Children have been established and gained Government recognition (see Philippines Section report).

Australia reports a wonderfully active, fruitful year. A campaign was started to awaken people to the American training of dolphins, porpoises, etc. to attack submarines and act as minesweepers. The Adelaide Branch has been active in many fields, including the assembling of information about the dangers of food irradiation. In several centres much work has been done in the field of refugee assistance in Australia and abroad as part of the U.N. International Year of Shelter for the Homeless.

In Brazil, campaigns operate for assistance to the poor and orphanages.

East and Central Africa has several active centres organized to assist the needy and the disabled.

England reports a dramatic increase of income and membership. Fifty-three charities are supported as well as ecology schemes.

France sponsors 36 children in Nepal, India and some at H.P.B. Hostel and other organizations at Adyar. A daily healing and peace meditation is conducted.

India has 85 units. A T.O.S. Workers' Training Camp has proved effective in stimulating T.O.S. workers. The Bhopal gas tragedy victims were assisted with rehabilitation. Many free eye operation camps were conducted in West Bengal. In various parts of Bihar arrangements are being made for the supply of drinking water to remote villages. A 'Prevention of Blindness' campaign among school children has been launched. At Adyar, the T.O.S. members are officially connected with the Olcottt Welfare Society which provides amenities for the training of poor women in various skills and handicrafts.

In Italy, New Zealand and the Netherlands the emphasis has been on vegetarianism and anti-vivisection.

Pakistan is very active, running a Montessori School on a non-profit basis for depressed and underprivileged children. Sponsors are provided with a full report.

U.S.A. has several publications: a 253-page 'The Essence of Healing', $10; ' Living in Today's Environment: A Practical Guide ', $3; ' A Theosophical Guide to Parents', $10; the 'Parents' Bulletin ', $5 p.a. and many others. Much work is done in prisons.

T. S. ARCHIVES

Besides the Officer-in-Charge, Mr C.R.N. Swamy, there was only one other worker on duty in the T.S. Archives during the year, namely, Ms Elizabeth Sterling.

There were numerous requests for information and for copies of documents and photographs, mainly for material on J. Krishnamurti and Rukmini Devi Arundale who passed away during the year. Much material was also supplied to the Adyar Library and Research Centre in connection with the celebration of its Centenary and the Exhibition which formed part of the celebrations. There were also requests for further information from Mr Michael Gomes of Columbia University and for more photographs of Dr Besant from Dr Lees of the University of California. In addition there were the usual requests for information, including copies of photographs, letters and other documents relating to the various personalities and organizations associated with the Theosophical Society, particularly relating to its early days, from research scholars, journalists, historians and others from all parts of the world. These were supplied as promptly as possible.

Lack of staff delayed and hampered some aspects of the work of the Archives, such as microfilming, lamination, photocopying, fumigation etc., and only the most urgent and essential items of preservation of the materials in the Archives was done. However, the Master-catalogue of documents, consisting of about 60 pages, has been completely re-typed with a view to bringing it up-to-date. The twenty-six subsidiary catalogues, (including the main and cross-reference catalogues of the

photographic section) have yet to be copied. Except for incorporation of additions and deletions of items from time to time, none of these catalogues have been revised during the last twenty years.

Lamination of the twenty-nine precious volumes of the original diaries of the President-Founder, Col. H.S. Olcott, was completed some years ago, but twenty-six of these volumes are yet to be bound. Arrangements have been made with the Vasanta Press to have these volumes bound without their being removed from the premises of the Archives. It is expected that the binding will be completed before the end of next year.

The equally precious thirty volumes of the Scrap Books of Madame H. P. Blavatsky were laminated at a time when the process of lamination was far from perfect. The pages of most of these volumes have turned so black that it is hardly possible to read them. Expert advice is being sought to improve the legibility of these laminated volumes.

We are looking forward to moving to larger premises which are expected to become available when the Theosophical Publishing House is shifted to its new building in Besant Gardens.

It is gratifying to note that during the year the inflow of fresh material to be added to the Archives was not unsatisfactory, but not all Departments of the Society seem to remember that all important registers, documents, letters, photographs etc. of permanent and historical interest to posterity are to be sent to the Archives when they are no more needed in the respective departments. It is also important that copies of such material be supplied to the Archives if the originals are required to be retained more or less permanently in the departments.

C.R.N. SWAMY
Officer-in-Charge

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1986

National Sections (Active)	40
Presidential Agencies (Active)	5
Regional Associations formed under Rule 35 (c)	3
Total Lodges and Study Centres	
Total Membership 1985	33,089
Total Membership 1986	33,136

		No. of Lodges & Study Centres	No. of Members	
1.	Africa, East & Central	27	1,059	(1985)
2.	Africa, South	7	288	
3.	Africa, West	12	331	
4.	America, Central	9	114	
5.	Argentina	26	661	
6.	Australia	13	1,315	
7.	Austria	4	200	
8.	Belgium	8	157	
9.	Bolivia	7	88	
10.	Brazil	35	1,019	
11.	Burma	4	38	
12.	Canada	10	271	
13.	Canadian Federation	8	99	
14.	Chile	6	60	
15.	Colombia	8	155	
16.	Cuba	19	447	
17.	Denmark	16	606	
18.	England	67	1,780	
19.	Finland	18	487	
20.	France	33	1,009	
21.	Germany, West	10	262	
22.	Greece	7	205	
23.	Iceland	10	410	
24.	India	440	9,719	
25.	Indonesia	19	642	
26.	Ireland, N.	3	48	
27.	Ireland, Rep. of	1	64	(1985)
28.	Italy	40	1,307	
29.	Malaysia	3	82	
30.	Mexico	10	178	
31.	Netherlands	19	806	
32.	New Zealand	16	1,560	
33.	Norway	5	78	
34.	Pakistan	4	131	
35.	Philippines	12	253	
36.	Portugal	12	293	
37.	Puerto Rico	3	112	
38.	Scotland	7	200	
39.	Spain	17	611	
40.	Sri Lanka	8	128	
41.	Sweden	6	254	
42.	Switzerland	7	134	
43.	U.S.A.	148	4,847	
44.	Uruguay	7	103	
45.	Venezuela	2	86	
46.	Wales	2	75	(1985)
47.	Yugoslavia	3	53	

Lodges attached directly to Adyar

1.	Bangladesh	1	44	
2.	Cameroun	1	73	(1986)
3.	Hong Kong	1	15	(1983)
4.	Israel	2	38	
5.	Japan	2	41	
6.	Korea	1	22	
7.	Peru	1	58	(1982)
8.	Singapore	2	53	
9.	Suriname	1	10	(1985)
10.	Fellows at Large	—	32	
	Total	1,168	33,136	

REPORTS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIES OF NATIONAL SOCIETIES, PRESIDENTIAL AGENCIES, REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, FEDERATION SECRETARIES, ETC.

(Where necessary, reports have been translated, edited or condensed.)

REPORTS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIES

AFRICA, EAST AND CENTRAL

Theosophical work remained quite active in Kenya, Tanzania and Zambia during the year. Hopes of reviving the work in Uganda are still alive.

In spite of minor problems and setbacks, the past year can still be reckoned as another year of progress and enthusiasm.

The total membership is slightly on the decrease due to expatriate members leaving for good, but there is a slow and steady increase in the indigenous membership.

Theosophical thought seems to be making inroads into the academic and intellectual areas of the indigenous sector. At most of the theosophical get-togethers, the indigenous people become conspicuous by their presence in ever growing numbers. This is a very healthy sign, promising a long life for the theosophical movement in this part of the African Continent.

During the period under reviw, Kenya and Zambia held Regional Conventions with over seventy delegates attending each. For economic reasons, the Section's National Convention is now held after every three years.

Seminars and workshops are becoming more numerous—thanks to the inspiring guidance—sometimes even insisting enthusiasm — from our National Lecturer, Mr Reuben Thuku. They are held in an atmosphere of cordiality and brotherhood and probing questions are freely asked and answered. Mr Thuku toured all the lodges in the Section during the year. His regular involvement in the Extramural department of the local University at Nairobi in Kenya can be reckoned as a breakthrough for theosophical work.

By means of periodically issued 'Literature Sheets', some centres are trying to keep in touch with some scattered and genuinely interested members and enquirers. Mass media continues to be used for the propagation of Theosophy.

T.O.S. activities receive significant attention in many lodges and the National Director, Mr Robertson Dunn, keeps inspiring the Regional Directors.

Public Speaking Contests organized by a couple of lodges in Zambia are proving quite popular. Since teachers and students of Secondary Schools and Colleges are involved in these contests the Theosophical Society's knowledge can be said to be finding a fresh avenue.

The Trust Funds in Kenya and in Zambia keep slowly swelling. This may be tried in other parts of the theosophical world to help support financially weak lodges or federations.

The Section is optimistic about its future especially because some able indigenous leaders are gradually emerging from its membership.

MR KANOOBHAI A. PATEL
General Secretary

AFRICA, SOUTH

The work in our Lodges continues to progress and we are witnessing an increase in attendance at our public meetings. We are busy producing video tapes of good lectures which can be hired out to Lodges and study group meetings.

Mr Thuku of the East African Federation manages occasional visits to Harare in Zimbabwe and gives excellent theosophical talks. We are very grateful to him for this service.

Our 1986 convention was again held in

Durban, the theme being 'What can Theosophy do for South Africa?' Talks on the theme proved both inspiring and thought provoking, and were followed by lively discussion.

Our 1987 Convention will be held during the Easter weekend, 17-20 April, in Pretoria.

We commenced the year with 299 members and ended with 288, a decrease of 11 members over the year.

MR ARTHUR BUNTON
General Secretary

AMERICA, CENTRAL

The severe earthquake in El Salvador spared our members, none of whom were hurt. Our Lodge building suffered no damage either, although a number of books were destroyed.

We now have nine active lodges in our Section. The Annie Besant Youth Group in Nicaragua remains a study group, but may become a lodge in the future. Two lodges, one each in Panama and Guatemala, have become inactive in 1985 and 1986.

CARMEN AGUILAR ALVAREZ
General Secretary

ARGENTINA

The reorganization of the Theosophical Publishing House in Argentina is entering its final phase. Some classic T.S. works have been translated from English into Spanish. The sixth year of the Section's T.S. Bulletin has been completed.

The 24th annual Summer School was very successful. Audio-visual aids for propagating Theosophy proved very useful in the Department of Information, especially the video tapes and 16 mm films.

Señor Manuel Farinich is the new General Secretary.

Membership stands at 594 in 25 lodges, 7 groups and members-at large.

MR JUAN CARLOS PALMERI
General Secretary

AUSTRALIA

During the past twelve months there has been further expansion and changes in the Australian Section, both at Headquarters and in the Lodges. Changes in staffing have been a predominant feature at Headquarters. We are indebted to the assistance we receive from volunteer workers.

Most Lodges reported a year of stability and activity. The number of groups has increased, centres being established at Townsville in Northern Queensland and at Wollongong. The bookshops continue to be of great value in attracting new members. Various seminars and workshops are a popular activity.

The highlight of the year was our annual Convention at Launceston in Tasmania during January 1986. Miss Jeanine Miller from England was the guest speaker. The theme of the Convention 'Journey Down the Celestial Nile' evoked many interesting talks and workshops on the Egyptian heritage. A very special event

of the convention programme was the staging of an international symposium on *The Secret Doctrine*. This drew papers from SD students from all over the world, and was a resounding success.

Mr Phil Harris was again elected as our National Lecturer, and he visited most of the lodges and groups. Miss Jeanine Miller visited the main lodges following on from her attendance at the Convention. As General Secretary I visited most lodges and groups. There was some inter-lodge activity when members such as Mr Sten Von Krusenstierna, Mrs Elaine Murdoch and Mr Stanley Spencer presented lectures at other lodges. Small lodges and groups have been assisted by members from the larger lodges.

Our magazine *Theosophy in Australia* has continued to be published quarterly. There was a Special Issue containing the proceedings and a selection of the papers from the 'Secret Doctrine Symposium'. Membership now stands at 1,315.

The various functions of Headquarters have included the provision of information and material such as leaflets, cassettes and study courses to lodges, groups and members. Contact Letters are sent monthly to lodge and group presidents and quarterly to National Members. An average of 260 letters to new members has been sent out during the year.

Stalls selling theosophical books and distributing leaflets have been operated at the Recreation Fair in Canberra, the Peace Expo at Atherton and the Positive Living Fair in the Blue Mountains.

The Quest Book Agency operated by the Australian Section continues to act as a wholesale agency for the distribution of books.

Other activities include the THEOSOPHY-SCIENCE GROUP which links those members interested in various fields of science; the THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE which is very active in most lodges; and the ROUND TABLE which has active and growing centres in Adelaide and Sydney.

During the year the Headquarters and Blavatsky Lodge have jointly worked on the renovation of a building which is to become the home for the Society in Sydney, and it is due for completion at the end of 1986. The Brisbane Lodge has been undergoing extensive renovations due for completion in early 1987. The Gold Coast Lodge, with assistance from Headquarters, has purchased land on which it plans to build lodge premises next year.

This has been a good year for the Theosophical Society in Australia, and the foundations laid over these past twelve months give a very exciting prospect of a bright future for the Australian Section.

MISS DIANNE K. KYNASTON
General Secretary

AUSTRIA

During the past year work went on as usual. In all four branches, regular weekly lectures and study groups were held. There was only a slight decrease in the number of members. Thirteen new members joined, 5 resigned, 5 died and 6 were lapsed. Total membership is now 200.

Our publishing house, Adyar-Verlag, published the seventh edition (18th-20th thousand) of *At the Feet of the Master* and a second edition of V. Wallace Slater's *Raja Yoga*. A new book by Dr Norbert Lauppert *The Unity of All Life* is in the press.

MRS MARGARET LAUPPERT
General Secretary

BELGIUM

The work went on with the same enthusiasm as in the preceding years. For the first time in many years there was a slight increase in membership (+4: rising from 153 to 157).

The four branches in Brussels continued their studies as follows: 1. Systematic study of Theosophy, 2. *The Voice of the Silence*, 3. *The Awakening of Intelligence* (J. Krishnamurti) and 4. Study of Astrology.

In the four provincial branches there were also study classes:— in Liege, The teachings of Theosophy; in Antwerp, *The Voice of the Silence*; in Charleroi, Buddhism; and in Ghent, *The Secret Doctrine* and elements of Astrology.

Public lectures on various topics pertaining to the three aims of the Society were given regularly.

Activity of the T.O.S. is limited to the collection of clothes for countries in need, and of the money necessary for their distribution or for helping some philanthropic works.

DR H. VAN DER HECHT
General Secretary

BRAZIL

There was an intensification in the work of the Section. We now have 35 lodges and 8 study groups. There has been an increase in membership which now totals 948—a growth of 16.5 per cent during the year. Two new study groups were established during the year, one lodge was converted into a study group because of decrease in its members, and one lodge was dissolved.

Lodge activities have continued with weekly meetings, study classes and members' meetings.

The Section journal *O Teosofist* completed 75 years of uninterrupted publication. Its appearance and contents were improved during the year. Our Culture Department also published another journal, *Logos*, a review of the Theosophical Research Centre. It is aimed at scholars and universities and has been well received. Another bulletin, with news from our Section, lodges, study groups and other Sections was also published. Besides these magazines there is a new publication, a review named *Circulo Blavatsky* containing scholarly articles on theosophical teachings.

Our seventh Summer School was held in January 1986 in the city of Salvador, attended by 80 persons from several cities. We also held a seminar during July in the Raja Centre, near Sao Paulo, which was attended by nearly 90 persons including non-members. Several younger members came with their families.

I am delighted to report that the T.S. in Brazil received from the Resende Family a donation of 10,000 sq.m. of land in the urban part of Brasilia, the Federal capital. It is intended to make this the S.T. in Brazil.

Our Book Department offers lodges and members valuable books in Portuguese at a cheaper price. The catalogue comprises about 200 titles taken from the theosophical bibliograhy.

We look forward to the visit of our International President to Brazil in 1987.

MR JOAO BAPTISTA BRITO PINTO
General Secretary

BURMA

The year under report was one of limited activities, but with steady progress in the spreading of Theosophy. Membership remains at 88 in six lodges.

The main feature of the year was the introduction of more lectures in Burmese and on Buddhism and works of charity.

The Olcott Lodge in Rangoon, the oldest and best known lodge of the Section, continued to be the most active, maintaining its standard of activities throughout the year in spite of many handicaps. The programme included study classes on a variety of subjects and group meditation. All the important T.S. anniversaries, Wesak and Asala were observed.

The Youth Lodge in Rangoon also was engaged in study classes under the leadership of U Thein Kyu. Many young members took part in the social activities of the Olcott Lodge.

At the Lotus Lodge in Mandalay, U Mtay Aung is conducting weekly study classes on Theosophy and Buddhism.

The 73rd Annual Convention of the Section was held on 13th October 1985. It was well attended by members, friends and well-wishers. The meeting was presided over by the President of Olcott Lodge, who delivered the opening address.

We are grateful to Brother U Pe Tin Win for donating twenty-three rare books to the Olcott Lodge Library. There was no import of new books because of exchange regulations.

We regret to report the demise of a long-standing and devoted member, U San Maung of Magwe. He was 87.

U MAUNG GYI
General Secretary

CANADA

Much of the Canadian Section's activity during the past year has focused on books. Twenty-one years ago, the Section began a major programme to donate the works of H.P.B. to Canadian University libraries. The programme is periodically reactivated usually when a new volume in the H.P.B. *Collected Writings* series is published. In the beginning, only a few university libraries participated; today, over thirty have accepted our offer. This year two important new titles were offered: the fourteenth volume of the *Collected Writings*, and *The Inner Group Teachings of H.P.B.* To these was added a third title: *The Real H.P. Blavatsky* by William Kingsland, which was also donated to 18 public libraries.

This year, for the first time, the Collected Writings of William Q. Judge were included in our offer. The first two volumes, published under the title *Echoes of the Orient*, were offered to all, and accepted by 20 University libraries.

Publishing *The Canadian Theosophist*, now in its 67th volume, remains one of the Section's principal activities. During the year we concluded the publication in the magazine of 'The Letters of H.P. Blavatsky to Elliott Coues', an interesting series which adds to our knowledge of the history of the early years of the T.S. in America.

An ongoing activity is the provision of a Home Study Course, coordinated by Mrs Dorothy Armstrong.

The Victoria Lodge launched a new quarterly journal, *Pathways*. From its very first number it has established a high standard. The members of Edmonton

Lodge, in Alberta, with financial assistance from the Lizzie Arthur Russell Theosophical Memorial Trust, are copying and binding early theosophical journals and rare books. Where necessary, indexes are prepared to enhance the usefulness of these works for research. This project is feasible only because the members are voluntarily contributing thousands of hours of painstaking preparatory work.

A highlight of the year was the visit of Mrs Radha Burnier, International President, to Canada in June 1986 when she gave public lectures in several cities in addition to talks to members.

It is gratifying to report the formation of a new Official Study Centre in Beaconsfield, a suburb of Montreal.

MR TED G. DAVY
General Secretary

CHILE

The activities of the Society were carried on in the cities of Santiago, Vina del Mar, and Limache. In Santiago public meetings were held every Saturday from March to December on a variety of theosophical subjects as well as vegetarianism. A meditation group has been started.

A study course was held on I.K. Taimni's *Secret of Self-Realization*. A 'Course of Basic Theosophy' was conducted, as also a 'Workshop of Preparation' in order to improve the understanding of Theosophy.

Our library is open to the public twice a week. There are bookshops in Santiago and Limache.

Regular quarterly publication of the Section journal was resumed during the year.

An important new activity is the translation into Spanish of several valuable books.

Every new member is given a copy of *At the Feet of the Master* in a handy pocket edition.

MR MAURICIO FROIMOVICH S.
General Secretary

COLOMBIA

Twenty-three members have been admitted this year, raising the total to 155, distributed among eight lodges.

A new book in Spanish written by myself (*From the Illusory to the Real*) will be published soon. Copies will be sent to all Spanish-speaking sections in case they want to reproduce it.

Our programme of Sunday public lectures continues without interruption, with a panel of nine devout members taking turns.

Our magazine *Seleccion Teosofica* is issued every month (450 copies each issue). Copies are distributed free and airmailed to other Spanish-speaking Sections. Articles are selected and translated mostly from *The Theosophist*. A Newsletter is sent monthly to all members. Our monthly Letters to New Members have been completely rewritten. New members receive a letter every month for 20 months.

MR WALTER BALLESTEROS
General Secretary

CUBA

The 81st Annual Convention of the Cuban Section held 24-26 January 1986 was marked by the enthusiasm and friendship characteristic of events of this nature. A varied programme was presented under the theme, 'T.S. and Its Objects; T.S. Work and Humanity's Future'.

At the elections held during the convention the General Secretary was re-elected for another three-year term (1986-88).

Joint meetings of members from different lodges were held. Most of the Lodges had active programmes of lectures and study classes throughout the year—the latter covering *The Voice of the Silence*; *Isis Unveiled*; *Man, God and the Universe* by I. K. Taimni and *the Yoga Sutras of Patanjali.*

All theosophical anniversaries and the Wesak and Asala (full-moon day) festivals were duly commemorated; also Cuban Theosophical Day on September 22.

The Section journal *Revista Teosofica Cubana* continues publishing translations of Dr Taimni's books.

DR LUIS MANUEL COLOMA DELGADE
General Secretary

DENMARK

The Danish Section expanded its activities in all its departments during the year. Membership has increased to 606.

Our successful study-seminars on 'Theosophy and Esoteric Philosophy' continued this summer for the sixth time with about 130 participants.

In several cities we have a series of public lectures in schools in the evenings besides public lectures and meetings in our Centres in Copenhagen, Aarhus, Aalborg and Horsens. All this makes our working field larger and larger. We have participated in an exhibition 'Mind—Soul and Body' in Copenhagen with 15,000 visitors. We were interviewed for radio and T.V.

Our printing works reprinted C.W. Leadbeater's *Man Visible and Invisible* and *The Chakras.*

Our staff of fellow-workers has increased, so that we have 50 hard workers in the Section with one aim—to spread and present Theosophy in modern language, to as many people as possible.

MRS MARION BENNIS
General Secretary

ENGLAND

At Headquarters, attendances at public lectures, meetings, and seminars have been good. Attendance at Study lectures has averaged 60 persons. It is difficult to persuade members to go to Tekels Park for weekends because of the expense involved, so attendances have fallen except for the European School.

The Section has 67 lodges and centres which includes the newly-created Kendal Centre, but regrettably 2 lodges and 3 centres were dissolved. Total membership now stands at 1,780 including 25 Life Members.

The Olcott Letter—produced alternately with the Section Journal—continues to be sent to the Unattached membership.

The recently established Theosophical

History Centre held a successful weekend seminar in July. Three speakers from the United States attended and presented papers. Directed by Leslie Price, the History Centre embarked on a publication programme during the year with two pamphlets.

The Publicity Department organized 18 seminars and workshops at Headquarters, 11 of which on fundamental Theosophy were free of charge. A second Meditation Class was tried, again with greater success than on the previous occasion. Other new courses covered Healing, The Mandala, and The Wisdom of Egypt.

The Information Office answered 900 enquiries. Nationals from 26 countries contacted us in person or by post—Americans and Nigerians being the most numerous.

The Annual Convention and Summer School was held in July. The theme of the Summer School was 'The Metaphysics of *The Secret Doctrine*'. Sixty-nine participants came for the week; eight attended for part of the week and there were ten day visitors. Mrs Emily Sellon was the Overseas Guest Speaker. Video-filming of lectures at the Summer School was undertaken by Alan Senior of the Scottish Section.

There continues a strong demand for tapes of lectures. The cassette library now has over 400 cassettes available for loan. The Library issued 3,454 books, of which 975 were on Theosophy. Over 100 new books were added to the Library stock.

The Theosophical Publishing House has moved to new premises. A computer has been installed there to facilitate sale of books. Five books, including two new publications, were printed during the the year.

Planning continued in preparation for the celebration in 1988 of the publication of *The Secret Doctrine* and the founding of the British Section of the T.S. It is hoped that large numbers of visitors will attend, not only from Europe but from overseas as well.

Tekels Park Estate: this year has seen the English Section take more interest in the Park resulting in the formation of a Development Committee to replace the Tekels Park Sub-Committee. This Committee had an up-to-date survey of the Park made indicating the plots sold and the extent of the Park, and is now looking into possible ways to extend the Guest House facilities and accommodation.

The T.O.S. helped several charities, including reafforestation in Africa and the training of farmers in India in better care of the animals on which they depend.

We are trying to modernize our approach, but at the same time the main focus of interest remains the teachings of H.P.B., Annie Besant, Krishnamurti and other prominent Theosophists.

DR HUGH GRAY
General Secretary

FINLAND

The work of the Section has been going on steadily and with growing activity. Public lectures have been organized by the Section itself, by the lodges and study groups. There is a lecture in Helsinki each Sunday and in nine other cities about once a month.

We now have 18 active lodges and four study groups—with a total of 487 members.

The Annual Convention was held in Helsinki 28-30 March with the theme 'Theosophy and Morals'. Mrs Barbro Melander, chairman of the European

Council, was the guest speaker. The General Secretary was re-elected unanimously for the next three years.

The Summer School was held at Kreivila 20-29 June on the theme 'Theosophy: The Path to Reality'. The guest speaker was Miss Ianthe Hoskins from England, who gave inspiring lectures. She also conducted three seminars for English-speaking members.

Publishing activity included a new Finnish edition of I.K. Taimni's *Self Culture*. Work was started on a new edition of Annie Besant's *Consciousness*, long out of print. Annie Besant's book, *The Seven Principles of Man* and Sankaracharya's *The Crest Jewel of Wisdom* were translated and copied for sale.

The first cassette introducing Theosophy entitled 'The Fundamentals of Theosophy' was produced during the year. This will be followed by other cassettes going more deeply into each subject.

At the headquarters, reorganization of the large library has proceeded.

MRS KILLIKKI VUORINEN
General Secretary

FRANCE

Activities are carried on at the Headquarters, at Paris, and also in the Lodges. The General Secretary visited Britanny. Michel Chapotin, our Vice President, toured Strasbourg, Lyon, Belgium and Switzerland.

Miss Mary Anderson was the guest speaker at our annual Convention. We held the first French 'École de Théosophie' in November 1985. It was well received by members. So many members were interested that we decided to have another one next year, on behalf of the European Federation.

The Summer School of Pays Latins was held in Belgium this year and two African members were able to attend, one coming totally at the expense of the French Section. Many French members were also present at Spa.

The General Secretary attended the Centenary of the American Section in Wheaton. Mr and Mrs Michel Chapotin-Dunningham also attended.

We printed our magazine *Le Lotus Bleu* and also some books for Editions Adyar especially A.E. Powell's series, and *The Voice of the Silence.*

MRS FRANÇOISE CARACOSTEA
General Secretary

GERMANY, WEST

During the last twelve months lodge work was further intensified. Study weekends in the North and South were very well attended, both in spring and autumn. Non-members are increasingly interested in these weekend meetings.

The 1986 summer school in St. Martin was well attended. Our guest of honour was Dr Stephan Hoeller from U.S.A. He lectured on 'Alchemy, the art of human transformation', 'Theosophy and Gnosticism' and 'The Nature of the Nag Hammadhi—Gnostic Scripts'. Additional lectures from members of the German Section as well as guests from Switzerland, France and Norway formed the framework of the programme. Its theme was 'In Harmony with Truth'. Study groups

were led by Ms Anneliese Stephan on 'The Spiritual Consciousness', Dr Stephan Hoeller on 'The Message of the Gnostic Scripts of Nag Hammadhi' and Mr Volker Doerflinger on 'The Eastern and Western Path'.

During the past year the General Secretary visited various lodges and groups of the Section. Several members gave lectures in various places; some were given to public audiences.

The lodge Isis in South West Africa/ Namibia which is attached to the German Section, reports intensive studies of theosophical literature, especially books by H.P.B. Also members are being led in meditation on study nights by the group leader. Membership of this lodge is continuously rising.

The traditional Whitsuntide meeting of the young generation was very well attended again and has developed into a firm activity of the Section. The participants discussed a lot, studied Theosophy and enjoyed playing music and performing a theatre play.

Our magazine *Adyar* is still well subscribed to by non-members and thus helps to spread Theosophy. Tapes with theosophical lectures have been worked over and expanded. One tape especially has been compiled from three talks and interviews broadcast by the radio stations in Hamburg, Bremen and Windhoek / SWA-Namibia.

The membership is slowly but steadily growing.

Mrs Eva Maas
General Secretary

GREECE

Theosophical work in Greece continues regularly. There are six active lodges in Athens and one in Volos. The total number of members is 205.

The Section magazine *Ilisos* has 3,000 subscribers and is now in its 31st year of publications.

Mr C. Melissaropoulos
General Secretary

ICELAND

The number of members increased from 394 to 410 during the last year. The activities in the Icelandic Section were very similar to that in previous years.

At the Headquarters in Reykjavik, lectures open to the general public were given twice a month from October to May and lectures in Lodges once a week. Every Wednesday there are instructions on meditation open to members and public. On Saturday afternoons the House is open for members and interested non-members. Twice a week from January to May instruction in Zazen is given.

Outside Reykjavik efficient work was carried out in Akureyri and Hafnarfjörour, but unfortunately the activities were not so good in other Lodges where membership is decreasing. The executive council held seven meetings. In two of them the leaders of the Lodges met to discuss how the work of the Lodges could be made more efficient.

The Summer School was held in June. Stephan Hoeller, the main lecturer, gave five talks on Alchemy, Gnosticism

and the Kabbalah. Fifty-five members attended.

Book service activity has increased and we are now selling a selection of books in English and Scandinavian as well as Icelandic. The Section journal was published regularly.

I express my sincere thanks to all those who have helped me in my work.

MRS HELGA JÓAKIMSDÓTTIR
General Secretary

INDIA

A memorable event of the year was the visit of J. Krishnamurti to our Headquarters on 6 November 1985. He spoke in the Besant Hall for a few minutes after a lapse of almost six decades. It seemed as though he had come to the Headquarters to say good-bye and give us his farewell blessings. The hallowed presence of Krishnaji in the evening of his life has enhanced the sanctity of the Besant Hall. A sacred heritage has been left to us. To measure up to the heritage we need more dedicated workers.

A week after Krishnaji's passing, on 24th February, a veteran member, Mrs Rukmini Devi Arundale, left her earthly abode. She distinguished herself in several fields bringing to the mundane activities a spiritual aspect. Her life was a message of beauty and harmony. Three months later, Thakur Jaideva Singh, another distinguished member of long standing, left us. He had made his mark for more than fifty years as a musicologist, educationist and author.

Another noteworthy event was a week-long study camp on *The Mahatma Letters* in October 1985 led by the International President, Mrs Radha Burnier. An unprecedented number (over two hundred) of outstation members, besides a large number of local members, attended. It is encouraging to find so many members participating in such a profound and serious study and going back to their respective places carrying the inspiration and insight received. It is an index of the vitality of our section—for study and reflection lay the foundations on which the entire edifice of our character, conduct and work is built. At the conclusion of the study camp, Mrs Burnier released a special issue of *The Indian Theosophist* in honour of Thakur Jaideva Singh at a well attended public meeting. This issue has as many as nineteen articles, each of which merits careful study.

Two Workers Training Camps of two to three weeks duration were held as usual, at Adyar and Bhowali (in northern India). Short duration study camps have become quite common in several Federations besides a few of longer duration. A nine-day camp was directed by Mr N.C. Ramanujachari at Chittoor. These study camps certainly bring an understanding and insight which is different and possibly deeper than that of regular meetings.

The sixty-first South Indian Conference was held at Adyar during Easter. It was inaugurated by the International President. Mrs Radha Burnier also travelled widely in the Indian Section. She presided over the annual conferences of the Bombay, Karnataka, Kerala, Marathi and Telugu Federations. At Hyderabad she released the 75th year issue of the Federation journal *Divya Jnana Deepika*. She was the chief guest at the Centenary celebrations of the Thanjavoor and Vellore Lodges in Tamil Nadu, and also of the Banglore City

and Cantonment Lodges. It is gratifying to note that in the cosmopolitan city of Bangalore, when the two lodges jointly celebrated their centenaries, many hundreds of persons were attracted to the lectures. Mrs Burnier also presided over the 75th anniversary of the lodge at Pondicherry.

The Vice-President, Mr Surendra Narayan, conducted a study camp at Bombay on the theme 'Theosophy, a Living Wisdom'. He also gave talks at several other places, including Delhi. I presided over the annual conferences of the U.P. and Bengal Federations, participated in the South Indian Conference at Adyar, conducted study sessions in Calcutta, Nagpur and visited other places both in North and South India.

The National lecturers—Dr A. Kannan, Dr S. Shankar Raju Naidu, Mr N.C. Ramanujachari and Mrs Malati Pandya —made extensive tours of various federations and also conducted several study camps.

Several books were published in the regional languages by various federations, with the Karnataka Federation maintaining its lead. Another important trend worth mentioning is the several research projects directly connected with the Theosophical Movement taken up in various Universities. These include a Ph.D. thesis on 'Theosophy and World Peace' at Bhagalpur University by Mrs Santwana Das, one on 'Sociological Contributions of Theosophy' by Ms Urmila Kumari, and a research project on 'Contributions of Theosophy to Gujarati Literature'. All such ventures merit our encouragement.

The work of the Theosophical Order of Service has gone on along the usual lines. The number of groups functioning under its 19 regional branches has increased from 79 to 85. The T.O.S. has been particularly active in Karnataka, Bengal and Bombay regions.

The *Bulletin of the Theosophy-Science Study Group, India* is being published regularly. Dr A. Kannan, the Group's Secretary, is planning a special issue on its Silver Jubilee in December 1987.

Youth Lodges and other activities for the young, like the Lotus Circle, need special attention because of fluctuating membership. The older members should give guidance without restricting the freedom of the young.

There was a drop in the number of members bringing it down to 9,719. Most of the Federations show a decrease, but the M.P. and Rajasthan and Marathi Federations have shown some significant gains.

DR C. V. AGARWAL
General Secretary

INDONESIA

The 23rd Annual Congress this year was held from 8-10 May 1986 in Yogyakarta, Central Java, the historic town of art and culture. About 100 members and non-members attended. Fourteen of the 19 lodges were represented. At the request of interested members, it was combined with the fourth Summer School for the training and upgrading of would-be leaders and lecturers. All the Summer Schools thus far have attracted young members and sympathizers. The next Summer School is scheduled to be held in Malang, East Java in November 1986.

Mr H. M. Soesiswo was re-elected General Secretary at the Annual Congress.

A new lodge was formed in Jakarta named 'Saraswati', all its eight members being ladies.

Membership of our Section totalled

642 at the end of September 1986—an increase of 20 during the year.

By means of periodical meetings with the youth, organizing Summer Schools, allowing young non-members to attend lectures which are made simpler or adjusted to their level of understanding, we hope to attract more sympathizers from among them.

Lodge activities include lectures, study classes, discussion, meditation and healing groups.

The greatest stumbling block we face is the paucity of active and serious workers. Another difficulty is lack of translators to translate theosophical books into our language for the benefit of non-English readers and students.

The T.O.S. work in Indonesia is still limited to collecting funds, old magazines, books, clothes, etc. for distribution to the poor orphanages and hospitals.

MR H.M. SOESISWO
General Secretary

IRELAND

No Report

ITALY

The Section's membership registered a further growth during the year, an increase of 142, bringing the total to 1,307, in forty lodges. Four new lodges were chartered during this period, while two were dissolved.

The Section magazine *Rivista di Teosofia* continued to be published regularly with 1,076 subscribers, including many non-members and public libraries. Some copies go abroad.

Our 72nd National Convention was held at Castrocaro in the last week of May, with about one hundred participants. It discussed the theme 'The World Problems from the Theosophical Point of View'—ten lecturers spoke on various aspects of the theme. Their talks were later published in our Section magazine.

In order to deepen an understanding of Theosophy, a Seminar was held in Venice 14-21 September. Thirty-three members attended the course.

During the year we published the sixth volume of *The Secret Doctrine* (being the 5th of the Adyar edition). Now we are going to publish the 7th volume, namely *Esoteric Writings* by H.P.B.

Mr Edoardo Bratina was again elected General Secretary for the years 1986-89.

MR EDOARDO BRATINA
General Secretary

MEXICO

There was an increase in the Section's activities during the year. Public meetings, pictorial exhibitions and Video shows were held in Puebla, Mexico, D.F. Veracruz, Guadalajara, Cuernavaca and Acapulco. Two seminars on theosophical subjects were held.

The Education Department published a catalogue of resource material (videos, audio-cassettes, courses, diapositives, etc.) which was distributed to the members of the Section and to the public. It has edited six more pamphlets in Spanish.

We are grateful to the American

Section for the educational material supplied to us. Information leaflets designed for enquirers and new members were revised and improved during the year. Eighteen letters are sent to every new member.

The first Theosophical Library for the public as well as the new premises of the Section in Puebla, Mexico City, were inaugurated.

The translation of two books into Spanish was undertaken.

We are sending books to El Salvador, Nicaragua and other countries. We discussed new plans of co-operation with other Sections. A special plan of work is reciprocal support for Central America and the Caribbean with the Puerto Rican Section.

Our membership was maintained at 178, in a total of ten lodges and eight study centres.

MR ISAAC E. JAULI DAVILA
General Secretary

THE NETHERLANDS

There was a slight increase in membership this year, from 795 to 806.

A Members' Weekend was held at Naarden early November 1985 on 'The Three Propositions of *The Secret Doctrine*'. Our Annual Lodge Presidents' Meeting was held at the Headquarters in Amsterdam in December. A Workers' Meeting was held at the Headquarters in March on the theme 'Stimulation of Theosophical Work'. The Naarden Centre was the venue of a successful weekend seminar on 'The Essence of Healing' on 10-11 May.

The Summer School was held at Naarden 2-9 August on the theme 'From Pupil to Master: Lessons in the Art of Life', with special emphasis on the role of different aspects of education.

Headquarters was the venue of the first Open Day in September on the theme 'Essential Work of the T.S.' Six such Open Days are planned for the coming year.

Our Section converted during the year the American video films of *The Secret Doctrine* Study series 'The Unity of Man and Universe' into European standard. Paul Zwollo sent copies of these video films to nine Sections in Europe.

Also during the year we published a reprint of the *Yoga Sutras of Patanjali* by I.K. Taimni, and of *At the Feet of the Master*. A translation of *An Abridgement of The Secret Doctrine* is ready for print. The Publicity Committee prepared five Information Leaflets which will be printed at an early date. We advertise our Summer School, Public Weekends and Seminars in the newspapers.

The General Secretary was re-elected for another 3-year period.

MRS INEKE VROLIJK
General Secretary

NEW ZEALAND

The year's work has been mostly consolidation, but some extension in new directions has been achieved. Our great success has been in encouraging the lodges in their activities. During the year we made financial contributions to three lodges towards the provision and maintenance of lodge premises.

Our annual convention in January was well-attended and successful. Jeanine Miller from England was the guest speaker. Her lecture on 'The Vision of Cosmic

Order' attracted a capacity crowd. Ianthe Hoskins, also of London, made a second lecture tour of the Section and visited all sixteen lodges conducting full-day seminars in the main centres and stimulating lectures elsewhere. Lionel Taylor, our national lecturer, also lectured at all Lodges and Joy Powis at nine Lodges.

We appear to be moving out of the era of straight theosophical lectures and some lodges have succeeded in a more informal approach with audience participation and discussion. Study courses, as conducted in H.P.B. Lodge and soon to be introduced by other lodges, attract large numbers of both members and public.

We have obtained some videos from the T.S. in America and elsewhere. Lodges have begun producing their own theosophical videos. The Cassette Centre has continued its excellent work of providing taped lectures for loan or sale, both in New Zealand and overseas.

Our magazine, *Theosophy in New Zealand*, has maintained its high standard, with a circulation of about 1,960. Each member is sent a free copy, plus about 400 subscribers and exchange copies.

Membership now totals 1,560—a decrease of 64 during the year.

A weekend training workshop was held providing an opportunity for those from smaller lodges to gain knowledge and skills as well as the confidence so necessary in lodge work.

The renovated Wellington Lodge building was officially re-opened by the General Secretary on 22nd February 1986.

Six books, all new publications or attractive Quest reprints, have been donated to lodge libraries. What was known as the 'suitcase bookshop' has been revived and already about twenty modern books have been supplied on a 'sale or return' basis to some of the smaller lodges.

MR JACK C. PATTERSON
General Secretary

NORWAY

At the Oslo centre one public talk is given monthly. We have had two guest speakers from Sweden—Mr Karl Rodosi who gave a talk on 'A Road to Community' on 17 November, and Mr Curt Berg who spoke on Adyar Day on 'The Encounter between the Outer and the Inner World'.

A symposium on world religions was held in April with speakers from the main religions. In November I visited the Lodge Dharma in Oslo.

Our Convention was held in Oslo on 31 May, the theme being 'The Aim of Theosophical Work in Norway'. The response from members was good.

A study-camp on 'The New Thrust in Theosophy' was held 8-10 August near Lillehammer in the home of our new Treasurer.

The Library is open on Mondays, and we have a weekly programme at 7.30 p.m. after library hours. The showing of videotapes of Krishnamurti talks alternates with a study programme on Theosophy.

AGNES IBSEN
General Secretary

PHILIPPINES

Several new activities were started by the Section during the year, including the opening of a nursery and kindergarten school. A total of 27 children from the neighbourhood were enrolled.

The Section also launched its wholesale distribution of theosophical books through mail order and through bookstore chains. There was a significant increase in bookshop operation as a result of advertising.

We undertook printing of two theosophical books in the Philippino language: *At the Feet of the Master*, with a grant from the Non-English Publication Fund, and *Introductory Study Course in Theosophy* financed locally.

A major area of activity of the Section has been social service through the T.O.S. Due to the economic crisis that has affected the Philippines, the T.O.S. has undertaken to save several malnourished children in urban areas. It has established Day Care Centres in six areas in conjunction with the health department of the city concerned. More than one hundred children have directly been rehabilitated under this programme, while many more have been indirectly supported. It has attracted the attention of many civic and religious groups and has paved the way for the thawing of religious bias towards the T.S. Many major donors of the T.O.S. are non-members of the T.S.

A vital part of this rehabilitation programme is the Self-Reliance Programme, started in the middle of 1986, where the jobless parents of malnourished children are given opportunities to earn a living through self-employment under the guidance of T.O.S. members. About forty parents have participated in this heart-warming project.

The Section held a series of courses on Theosophy for members and enquirers. The first was on 'Basic Theosophy', followed by 'A Course on the Ancient Wisdom' which will end by December 1986.

Our education programme for members includes the following:

a. Monthly letters for new members
b. Monthly Newsletters
c. Monthly T.O.S. Newsletter
d. Quarterly magazine *The Philippine Theosophist*
e. Correspondence courses.

Seven universities and public libraries have been the recipients of theosophical books under the sponsorship of a donor. Also, five upcountry lodges were sent theosophical books through the support of a member-donor.

An aspect of work given special emphasis this year was the establishment and maintenance of study groups and lodges in outlying provinces.

MR VICENTE HAO CHIN JR.
General Secretary

PORTUGAL

The work in the Portuguese Section has as usual consisted of public lectures and symposia at the Headquarters every fortnight and branch meetings every week. All T.S. anniversaries were celebrated.

Branches are collaborating in the public meetings. The President of Pythagoras Lodge gave three public talks on 'The Laws of Theosophy', continuing the work begun two years ago.

Many of our members attended the

Ninth Iberian Theosophical Week in Spain—including many young people who took part in the talks and discussions with great enthusiasm.

We had the opportunity to receive Miss Ianthe Hoskins during the year who gave public lectures in our headquarters and in Oporto. We hope to have her present at the Tenth Iberian Theosophical Week to be held in Portugal in April 1987.

We have 12 lodges and 293 members, an increase of nine members. Owing to continuing difficulties with the publication of our journal *Portugal Teosofico*, the last issue of 1985 is not yet published, and we will be forced to publish only one number during 1986.

We are organizing a public Course of of Theosophy, with the participation of almost all our branches.

DR MARIA G. NOBRE SANTOS
General Secretary

PUERTO RICO

The work of the lodges and study groups was carried on as usual with lectures and discussions of theosophical books. One study group has requested recognition as a lodge.

Six new members were admitted during the year ending February 1987, making a total of 113 members in our Section.

We are planning to remodel our premises in San Juan, and hope to get financial assistance from a local foundation.

We also have plans to start a training programme for theosophical workers. Attendance of Theosophists from other countries in the Caribbean Basin area is expected.

In May 1986 a delegation of nine members from our Section visited the Dominican Republic to help a study group with their work. This group has requested recognition as a lodge from Adyar. Our Acting General Secretary lectured last summer in Mexico, Guatemala and the Dominican Republic.

MR MIGUEL A. CHARNECO
Acting General Secretary

SPAIN

The Section is working to update membership records. Current records show a total of 611 members, including 23 members-at-large, in 17 branches.

Branch meetings are held regularly, trying also to attract non-members through public lectures. T.S. anniversaries are celebrated. The three branches in Madrid hold joint meetings every two months.

Barcelona members organized the Iberian Days during March in a village near Gerona under the theme 'Self-Realization'. Over 150 members from Portugal and Spain attended. Participants included Dr van der Hecht from Belgium and Mme Dommer from France who by their presence uplifted the gathering.

The Section has already recovered half of the T.S property near Jijona (Alicante). Action is being taken to recover the rest. The Acuario Branch organized a meeting in the recovered portion of the 505-hectare property—the first theosophical gathering in this property for 50 years.

We are acquiring a stock of video-tapes for the use of all our branches. At present we are translating the film 'The Universal Flame', which was recorded on video-tape. We also have two tapes of

J. Krishnamurti, the Unity of Man and the Universe from the S.D. series issued by the American Section. We are expecting the other three tapes of this series from Wheaton and plan to translate them into Spanish. We have also received the video-tape of Mrs Dora Kunz's interview of Mrs Radha Burnier on the Three Objects of the T.S. and have subtitled in the Spanish.

MR FERNANDO PEREZ MARTIN
General Secretary

SRI LANKA

It is unfortunate that our annual report for 1985-86 has to commence on a rather sombre note. Our General Secretary for over a decade, Bro. T.R. Rustomji, and the Presidents of two major Lodges (Marif Lodge and Sri Ram Lodge) passed away during the year. The Shanthi Marge Lodge in Galle has still not fully recovered from the loss of its founder-president, vice-president and a founder member. The Lotus Lodge in Veyangoda also lost its president and secretary and is yet to resume full functioning. It will therefore be readily appreciated that our Section will take a little time to recover from the severe losses in important office-bearers.

In Colombo, the Besant Lodge has functioned steadily, with regular public meetings. We commenced, experimentally at first, fortnightly 'Cottage Meetings' at members' residences. This has proved very successful with attendance of 20-25 persons. The 'experiment' has proved a success even in inclement weather and a substantial advance is being made in the study of Theosophy. The themes discussed at these meetings cover a great width and depth.

On 5.7.86 fifteen members attended a whole-day seminar in Kandy and discussed in depth two themes: (i) Role of the academic in a developing world and (ii) Drug abuse management.

Our Headquarters building has still not been brought into use although most of the renovation work is complete, pending water and drainage connections.

We look forward to the future with optimism and hope, in spite of the violence and disasters that prevail and bedevil our country at present. This is because we believe that the only changeless phenomenon in this world is Change and the world has been changing continuously for the better.

MR EDMUND P. SILVA
General Secretary

SWEDEN

The Swedish Section has 254 members.

Public lectures were held in Stockholm, Gothenburg, Malmo, Orebor and Uppsala. The Uppsala Lodge, dormant for some years, has again become active.

Our bookshop is open four days a week. Some books have been translated and are now in further preparation.

The 1985 Summer School was held in Gol in Norway jointly with the Norwegian Section. Twenty-one Swedish members attended. Guest speaker was Joy Mills. As there was a European Council meeting in Gol at the same time, there were many good lectures by European lecturers.

In November 1985, twenty-five members joined a short school in Gothenburg. The theme was 'Evolution' and

five lectures were given followed by discussion. Another short school was held in Orebro in May 1986 with 23 participants. The theme was 'Meditation' and Curt Berg taught us both theory and pratice.

Our 1986 Summer School and Convention was held in Gillersklack in July, attended by 36 members. Guest speaker was Stephan Hoeller from the U.S.A. who gave some splendid lectures on Gnosticism. Our own lecturers also contributed to this instructive week.

Four lodges held lectures on various theosophical themes and held study groups on *The Secret Doctrine*, Evolution, The Basic Ideas of Occult Wisdom and 'What is man, who am I?'

MRS ING-BRITT WIKLUND
General Secretary

SWITZERLAND

The Section has 134 members. Young people are interested in our teachings, but they do not join the Society—or only for a short time. Many members do their best and work faithfully for the T.S.

Several languages are spoken in our Section and circulars have to be sent in French and German. When requested, lectures and discussions are translated into (or summarized in) German. Most of the members live in the French-speaking part of the country.

In Geneva, at our headquarters, there are weekly public lectures and lodge meetings. In Basle, there are monthly lectures and weekly lodge meetings. These lodges have large libraries.

For the past three years we have organized weekends twice a year in Glion, near Montreux, featuring lectures and symposiums with discussion. These provide a good opportunity to make contact, so that members speaking different languages may be conscious of the unity of our Section.

At a time when so many 'attractive' movements exist, with large memberships, it is all the more important that the flame of Theosophy and its instrument, the T.S., should be tended and that we should employ our time in deepening the roots of our 'theosophical tree', so that the trunk may prosper and be capable of spreading its branches again at any time.

ELISABETH JENNY
General Secretary

U. S. A.

The T.S. in America celebrated its Centenary 12-17 July 1986. Held at the headquarters in Olcott, it was attended by about 350 delegates, several from abroad. The International President, Mrs Radha Burnier, was the Chief Guest. A number of well-known workers of the Section (including Mr and Mrs James Perkins, Mrs Ann Kerr Greene, Mr and Mrs F. Layton and Miss Joy Mills) gathered together for the occasion which was a very happy reunion. The stimulating centenary programme included a video show on the history of the American Section as well as a lecture on the subject by Miss Joy Mills.

The convention was followed by a publications conference at which the managers of the T.P.H. in London, Wheaton and Adyar and others participated to discuss coordination of publication work.

It is gratifying to report all-round progress during the year in the dissemination of Theosophy in U.S. through a sustained multi-media approach as in earlier years. Generous financial support from the Kern Foundation continued.

Videotapes and films play a significant role in carrying Theosophy to the public. There was an increase of 60 per cent in the distribution of videotapes during the year, with a total of 343 video cassettes rented out. Lending of audio cassettes continued at a substantial level (2,000 were sent out) while sales increased 42 per cent.

The American Theosophist continued to be a major project of T.S. work. Eleven issues were published, two of which —the special issues—were directed to the general public as well as the members. The Resource Catalogue published in the spring of 1985 has been in great demand. The correspondence course programme continues to serve an important need of members as well as interested non-members. There were 47 active students.

Public lectures, seminars, classes and special programmes continued. Five successful theosophical camps were held. The Prison Programme includes free distribution of books and cassettes to prisoners as well as correspondence and a prison newsletter, *The Light Within*, published quarterly.

There was a slight decrease in membership, which stood at 4,896 at the end of the year, in 73 branches and 77 study centres. The total includes 2,592 members-at-large.

The T.P.H. Wheaton, had an active year, with an increase of 13 per cent in book sales which is nearing the million-dollar mark. Many bookstores were introduced to Quest books for the first time. There are three Quest Bookshops open all day in New York, Seattle and Olcott (Wheaton).

The Theosophical Research Institute, a separate legal entity, published four issues of *The Theosophical Research Journal*. It has an international as well as a national readership.

MRS DORA KUNZ
President

URUGUAY

No Report

WALES

No Report

YUGOSLAVIA

The Section arranged a theosophical Summer School in July 1985 for eight days on the theme, 'Gnothi Seauton—Know Yourself'. Twenty-two members participated. The activities of the Section were conducted harmoniously and in concord. The Yugoslav authorities obviously regard the work of our Section benevolently. We also had the opportunity of holding two public lectures.

During the year we published our new Section journal *Theosophical Thought*. The first issue of 32 pages was accepted favourably. The membership remains the same as before, at 53 members.

A modest contribution was collected for the Olcott School at Adyar.

DR AUGUSTIN GERDEN
General Secretary

REPORTS OF PRESIDENTIAL AGENCIES

BOLIVIA

No Report

MALAYSIA

There are now three lodges in Malaysia —Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Seremban— with a total membership of 85.

Weekly meetings are held in all the lodges and the turnout is generally full.

The Kuala Lumpur and Seremban lodges conduct Montessori Kindergartens and this service is well appreciated and supported by the general public.

Eleven members from Malaysia attended the Indo-Pacific Conference in Karachi in December 1985.

MR S. NARAYANAN
Presidential Agent

PAKISTAN

We have four T.S. branches in Pakistan: at Karachi, Hyderabad (Sind), Quetta and Lahore. In Karachi, besides the main lodge which celebrates its 90th anniversary on 21 December 1986, there are two smaller lodges. Regular programmes of public lectures and study classes are carried on in Karachi and Hyderabad.

In Karachi we have 131 members, a large library and a bookshop. The library has 13,000 books and a free reading room open six days a week. It serves a great need in the city. We also publish a small monthly journal, *Theosophy in Karachi*. All theosophical anniversaries are observed. The Wednesday Study Group studied the *Yoga Sutras of Patanjali* and Clara Codd's *The Way of the Disciple*.

The Besant Lodge of the T.S. at Hyderabad also has a building of its own with an auditorium, two other rooms for the library and a guest house. It has a membership of 120, and holds weekly study classes in addition to regular meetings.

Karachi was the venue of the third Indo-Pacific Conference (December 12-15, 1985). It was a most successful conference attended by delegates from six other countries and opened by Mrs Radha Burnier, our International President. Prior to the conference she also visited Lahore, Rawalpindi/Islamabad and Hyderabad, giving public lectures.

The needs of the work in Pakistan are twofold:

1. The preparation of theosophical literature in Urdu, the national language.
2. Help from international and regional lecturers to visit Pakistan for short or longer periods. Funds for this purpose are also available and any help offered in this direction from international sources would be greatly appreciated.

MRS GOOL K. MINWALLA
Presidential Representative

SCOTLAND

We have had a very busy year, including necessary renovation and structural alterations of our buildings at Edinburgh and Glasgow—requiring tremendous co-operation at all levels and showing the existence of a caring fraternity and great enthusiasm amongst the members.

We now have 200 members in Scotland, an increase of 11 during the year. Most of the members belong to either Edinburgh or Glasgow Lodges so the work has become more centralized.

Edinburgh has three active Lodges which held 29 major talks and public events bringing in new friends and members—over and above the weekly Lodge meetings and Thursday discussion nights.

The Glasgow Lodge held regular members' meetings, studying the *Bhagavad Gita*, and a full 'Open Week' which covered many aspects of Theosophy through workshops, seminars and discussions.

The libraries in both Glasgow and Edinburgh are well used. There is a growing tape library in Glasgow whilst Edinburgh houses the newly-produced video films.

The Theosophical Video Education Unit has progressed slowly, video filming taking place once again at the 1986 English Convention and Summer School at Ripon. The work of copying and editing the videotapes is well in hand and they are sent to the libraries at Edinburgh and London.

Our magazine *Circles* helps to maintain contact with members who now live overseas and also forges new links with many other countries and friends in the U.K. Its circulation is widening with each issue.

The premises of the Glasgow Lodge are also used as a Holistic Health Centre—the practitioners hiring rooms to carry on their particular disciplines.

MRS MARGARET T. SENIOR
Presidential Representative

VENEZUELA

The two Lodges in Venezuela meet every weekend. As in the previous year, a great effort was made to improve our theosophical presentation—covering a wide range of theosophical subjects and Krishnamurti's teachings in studies, discussions and lectures. In addition, all theosophical anniversaries were duly observed.

Our magazine *Unidad* was published twice during the year. Also theosophical translations, booklets, etc. all of which have been distributed among members and visitors. Some journals were reprinted for members.

We have just begun a Basic Course on Theosophy for new members and visitors. In our studies and meetings, members are encouraged to participate freely. We try by all possible means to explain to members and visitors the importance of a disciplined spiritual life.

DR ROGER VIVAS-DECANIO
Presidential Agent

REPORTS OF REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

AFRICA, WEST

The year-long celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the T.S. in West Africa culminated in a whole day meeting in Accra, Ghana, 16th November 1985 featuring talks, discussions and a symposium. It is hoped that the enthusiasm expressed will further strengthen T.S. work in the region.

New members complain about the lack of basic Theosophical books, resulting in dropouts. T.P.H., Adyar has been requested to grant permission for local reprinting of some titles for use in West Africa. Another reason for the dropping of membership, is the low level of education of some new members who find T.S. literature somewhat abstruse.

We now have a total membership 331 in 12 Lodges and 12 Centres—a decrease of 31 from last year.

Our annual convention was held at Accra 27-29 March 1986. The theme was Transformation. A workshop on the theme elicited wide participation and diverse views. At the election held during the convention Mr Paul B. Kwakyi was chosen to succeed Mr John O. K. Edusei who declined to contest the office of the Organizing Secretary.

A weekened Seminar was held on the theme, 'An Open Mind' on 30-31 August 1986 at the University of Science and Technology, Kumasi. It was well attended and was a great success.

We are preparing study/reading material for use of Lodges and Centres based on *Self-Culture* by I.K. Taimni and *The Technique of Spiritual Life* by Clara Codd.

Our regional journal, *The West African Theosophist*, was published twice during the year. We hope to revert to its quarterly status soon.

Work on our Headquarters building in Accra has not progressed as planned, due to lack of funds. We would be grateful to receive financial assistance from overseas donors as well.

We gratefully received 18 selected Theosophical books as a gift from Adyar and 13 Quest books from America. Needless to say, we could do with more such gifts. Several Sections regularly send us their journals for which we are grateful.

MR PAUL B. KWAKYI
Organizing Secretary

CANADA

Because of the distances there have not been any meetings except for the annual business meeting held last June 7th in Toronto when Dr Phan gave a lecture.

Activities have been limited to the local levels. Inga Jackson, our former Federation Secretary, has resumed the editorship of the group's magazine *Theosophy* which name will be eventually modified not to conflict with like-named magazines.

French speaking membership has attracted some younger members and I would like to think that our English speaking membership could do likewise. We need new members so that we can carry on the work of the Masters which is to popularize a knowledge of Theosophy.

We are looking forward to working cooperatively with all of our membership during the coming year.

Our next annual meeting will be held in Western Canada.

MR GEORGE H. DUGUAY
Regional Secretary

IRELAND, NORTHERN

Our 38th Annual Convention was held on Sunday, 1st June 1986 with the Regional Secretary, Tony Rodriguez, as speaker. The convention lecture on 'The Mystery Language' was warmly received and stimulated a lively discussion.

Throughout the year the programme of public talks and discussions developed very well. We combined various inspiring and illuminating approaches to the Wisdom. All our meetings were well attended.

Belfast Lodge has now a Tape Library with 35 fine recordings for use by members and friends.

Members' meetings continued on Wednesdays with increased attendances. Study classes were held on *Esoteric Christianity* by Annie Besant, *The Round of Experience* by Hugh Shearman, a selection of J. Krishnamurti's writings, and *Self-realization Through Love* by I.K. Taimni (commentary on Narada Bhakti Sutras).

Our membership remains static at 48. This figure is to some extent nominal, as it includes some temporarily lapsed and dormant members.

MR TONY RODRIGUEZ
Regional Secretary

REPORTS OF FEDERATIONS

EUROPEAN FEDERATION

The European School of Theosophy in Hannoversch-Munden, West Germany, in October 1985 attracted many interested members. The lecturers—Geoffrey Farthing, Ianthe Hoskins, Hugh Gray and Anneliese Stephan—did their best to increase our understanding of Theosophy.

It seeems the School is 'budding off'! There are now what we call 'mini-schools' in the French, German, Spanish and Swedish Sections.

During the year we sent out four Newsletters (Nos. 21-24).

All the Sections were informed of the possibility of obtaining video cassettes on the basic principles of *The Secret Doctrine* produced in the U.S.A. by the American Section. Paul Zwollo, Vice-General Secretary of the Netherlands Section, was so kind as to arrange for adaptation to the European video standard.

In June and July 1986 Dr Stephan A. Hoeller, U.S.A., visited three European Summer Schools (Iceland, Sweden and Germany) and his interesting presentation of Gnosticism and the latest findings was much appreciated.

The members of the Executive Committee have all been busy lecturing in different European Sections.

The next European Congress, which should take place in 1987 (every third year) has been postponed to 1988. The English Section has kindly invited the Federation to hold the Congress (near London) along with the celebration of the Centenary of the publication of *The Secret Doctrine*.

I wish to thank all my co-workers for another year of happy cooperation in the service of Theosophy.

MRS BARBRO MELANDER
Chairman

INDO-PACIFIC THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION

No Report

INTER-AMERICAN THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION

(1984-85 and 1985-86)

A Theosophy Seminer and the Ninth-Extraordinary Congress of the I.T.F. were help at Porto Alegre, Brazil, from April 26 to May 1st 1985. Several steps for closer inter-American co-operation in T.S. work were decided upon. Representatives from the Sections of Brazil, Argentina, Colombia, Mexico and Uruguay and the Presidential Agency of Bolivia attended the Congress.

The American Section organized an all-American workshop September 19-26, 1985, which was attended by the President of the I.T.F. and General Secretaries of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Uruguay and U.S.A., a representative from Central America, the Presidential Agent of Venezuela, and Dolores G. de Fuerte, representative for the Spanish language of the I.T.F. The Tenth Extraordinary Congress of the I.T.F. was held at the same time, on 23 September, when important decisions were taken on the future development of T.S. work on the continent.

We have commenced publication of a Federation Bulletin carrying news as well as articles.

Books are being reviewed for approval to be printed. At present the I.T.F. has a stock, among its own books and for distribution, of 42 titles.

The President of the I.T.F., Mr Manuel Farinich, visited Chile 5-13 November 1984 on a lecture tour and also conducted seminars. Ianthe Hoskins made a seven-nation lecture tour from February 28 to April 3, 1985. Mr Vicente Fiumano, director of the Publishing Department, undertook a lecture tour of Brazil lasting several weeks following the Theosophy Seminar there in April 1985.

Upcoming events include a Seminar on *The Secret Doctrine* and Inter-American Days from November 14 to 16, 1986 in Buenos Aires, Argentina; Summer School in Bolivia early in 1987; and Latin American tour of our International President, Mrs Radha Burnier in March-April 1987. A lecture tour by Miss Joy Mills is scheduled for 1988.

MR MANUEL FARINICH
President

WORLD THEOSOPHICAL YOUTH FEDERATION

The work is centred in Brazil as in earlier years. Our main work is by correspondence, answering letters from various countries. This month, for instance, we received letters from England, Greece and Sweden. Today we have W.T.Y.F. friends and contacts in Brazil, U.S.A., Bolivia, England, France, Holland, India, Australia, the Philippines. As I said last year, it looks like an international group of like-minded friends.

We sent out our Newsletter 'Universal Man' in April, and plan to send another one in December.

Myself and a group of young members from Porto Alegre are trying to do some work in the field of politics. It is something new and difficult, but challenging. We are trying to start a new political party. We consider that work to be part of the T.S. work, although it is not done openly in the name of the T.S.

MR ARNALDO SISSON FILHO
Chairman

REPORTS OF LODGES ATTACHED TO ADYAR

BANGLADESH

Comilla Lodge

The Comilla Lodge, the only T.S. unit in Bangladesh, has its own building in the centre of Comilla Town, which was damaged during the liberation war in 1971. It has been repaired at a huge cost with an *ex-gratia* grant by the late Gen. Ziaur Rahman, President of Bangladesh, Mr Syed Aminur Rahman, the late Deputy Commissioner of Comilla, and donations from the Mahesh Charitable Trust of Comilla and the lodge members.

At present the lodge has 43 members, most of them aged. Unfortunately a want of keenness is palpable in young members. A booklet in Bengali highlighting the objects of the Society was published during the year to attract the younger generation but the result has not been very encouraging.

The President of the Lodge, Rev. D.R. Mahathero attended the International Convention at Adyar in December 1985 and on his return delivered a series of lectures on his experiences at Adyar.

There were 45 meetings of the Lodge during the year at which a variety of theosophical and allied subjects were discussed. The meetings were fairly well attended.

REV. D.R. MAHATHERO
President

CAMEROUN

No Report

HONG KONG

No Report

ISRAEL

Covenant Lodge

The year 1986 was characterized by the stabilization and deepening of the work of the Covenant Lodge in Tel Aviv.

Attendance at our regular meetings was very good and the members took lively interest in the varied theosophical subjects presented. In addition to the weekly meetings we have started a monthly class for the study of *The Secret Doctrine*.

A new activity is a year-long course on the basic ideas of occult wisdom that one of our members gave to beginners, based on the book by Anna Kenedy Winer.

We have translated *The Riddle of Life* by Annie Besant which is now being edited. Eighteen of the talks at our lodge have been published as a book entitled *Chosen Subjects in Occultism*. It sold very well and we are now planning a new edition; also publication of a second book containing twenty other talks.

MR ABRAHAM ORON
President, Covenant Lodge

JAPAN

No Report

KOREA

We have been meeting regularly and holding public lectures on Theosophy; also printing a monthly publication.

We have translated into Korean *At the Feet of the Master* and *The Key to Theosophy*.

Our General Secretary visited the T.S. in the U.S.A. and the Olcott Library in Wheaton in May 1986.

Membership remains the same.

MR LIM KIL YOUNG
President

PERU

The following themes have been studied during 1986: Raja Yoga, Commentaries on Zen Meditations, Symbolism in the Ancient Wisdom, and Taimni's *Man, God and the Universe*.

We are very grateful to Sister Judith Lopez de Sunico who is still offering her place for our meetings. However, we are planning to buy our own premises taking a bank loan. Meanwhile ten members have decided to give financial support for five years so that we will be able to ask for the bank loan.

MR JUAN RIVERO
Secretary

SINGAPORE

No Report

SURINAME

No Report

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

No. 2 of 1905

I hereby certify, pursuant to Act XXI of 1860 of the Governor-General of India in Council entitled 'An Act for the Registration of Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies, 1860,' that The Theosophical Society is duly incorporated as a Society under the aforesaid Act.

SEAL

(Sd) A. PERIYASWAMI MOODALIAR,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Station, Madras,
Dated 3rd April 1905.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 17, 1875, INCORPORATED APRIL 3, 1905

In the matter of Act XXI of 1860 of the Acts of the Viceroy and Governor-General of India in Council, being an Act for the registration of literary, scientific and charitable Societies

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association is The Theosophical Society.

2. The objects for which the Society is established are:

I. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.

II. To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy and Science.

III. To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

(*a*) The holding and management of all funds raised for the above objects.

(*b*) The purchase or acquisition on lease or in exchange or on hire or by gift or otherwise of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society.

(*c*) The sale, improvement, management and development of all or any part of the property of the Society.

(*d*) The doing of all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them, including the founding and maintenance of a library or libraries.

3. The names, addresses and occupations of the persons who are members of, and form the first General Council which is the governing body of the Society, are as follows:

GENERAL COUNCIL

Ex-Officio

President-Founder:—H. S. Olcott, Adyar, Madras, Author.

Vice-President:—A. P. Sinnett, London, England, Author.

Recording Secretary:—Hon. Sir S. Subramania Aiyar, Madras, Justice of the High Court.

Treasurer:—W. A. English, M.D., Adyar, Madras, Retired Physician.

Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, American Section, 7, West 8th St., New York.

Upendra Nath Basu, B.A., LL.B., General Secretary, Indian Section, Benares, U.P.

Bertram Keightley, M.A., General Secretary, British Section, 28, Albemarle St., London, W.

W. G. John, General Secretary, Australasian Section, 42, Margaret Street, Sydney, N.S.W.

Arvid Knos, General Secretary, Scandinavian Section, Engelbrechtsgatan, 7, Stockholm, Sweden.

C. W. Sanders, General Secretary, New Zealand Section, Queen Street, Auckland, New Zealand.

W. B. Fricke, General Secretary Netherlands Section, 76, Amsteldijk, Amsterdam.

Th. Pascal, M.D., General Secretary, French Section, 59, Avenue de la Bourdonnais, Paris.

Decio Calvari, General Secretary, Italian Section, 380, Corso Umberto I., Rome.

Dr. Rudolf Steiner, General Secretary, German Section, 95, Kaiserallee, Friedenau, Berlin.

Jose M. Masso, Acting General Secretary, Cuban Section, Havana, Cuba.

Additional

Annie Besant, Benares, Author, [for 3 years].

G. R. S. Mead, London, Author, [for 3 years].

Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khandalvala, Poona, Special Judge, [for 3 years].

Dinshaw Jivaji Edal Behram, Surat, Physician, [for 2 years].

Francesca E. Arundale, Benares, Author, [for 2 years].

Tammacharla Ramachandra Row, Gooty, Retired Sub-Judge, [for 1 year].

Charles Blech, Paris, France, Retired Manufacturer, [for 1 year].

The Founders

4. Henry Steel Olcott, who with the late Helena Petrovna Blavatsky and others founded The Theosophical Society at New York, United States of America, in the year 1875, shall hold, during his lifetime, the position of President, with the title of 'President-Founder', and he shall have, alone, the authority and responsibility and shall exercise the functions provided in the Rules and Regulations for the Executive Committee, meetings of which he may call for consultation and advice as he may desire.

Income and property applied to promotion of objects

5. The income and property of the Society, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in this Memorandum of Association, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, or otherwise by way of profits to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any members thereof or other person in return for any services rendered to the Society.

Members of General Council not answerable

6. No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or deterioration in the said

trust premises unless such loss, damage or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

Vesting of Property on dissolution

7. If upon the dissolution of the Society there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society or any of them but shall be given or transferred to some other Society or Association, Institution or Institutions, having objects similar to the objects of this Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than three-fifths of the members of the Society present personally or by proxy, at a meeting called for the purpose, or in default thereof by such Judge or Court of Law as may have jurisdiction in the matter.

Filing of Rules and Regulations, Memorandum

8. A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is filed with this Memorandum of Association, and the undersigned being seven of the members of the Governing Body of the said Society do hereby certify that such copy of such Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is correct.

As witness our several and respective hands, this . . . day of March 1905.

Witnesses to the signatures:

(Sd.) WM. GLENNY KEAGEY ..

„ ARTHUR RICHARDSON ..

„ PYARE LAL ..

„ PEROZE P. MEHERJEE ..

(Sd.) H. S. OLCOTT
„ W. A. ENGLISH
„ SUBRAMANIAM
„ FRANCESCA E. ARUNDALE
„ UPENDRA NATH BASU
„ ANNIE BESANT
„ N. D. KHANDALVALA

RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED 'THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY', ADYAR, MADRAS

General Council

1. The General Council shall be the Governing Body of The Theosophical Society. All members of the General Council shall at all times be Fellows of the Society and not fewer than seven members of this Council shall be resident in India.

Members of the General Council

2. (*a*) The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Secretary and the General Secretaries of the component National Societies (otherwise called Sections) shall *ex-officio* be members of the General Council. The terms of those members of the General Council who hold office *ex-officio* shall expire with the vacation of their qualifying office.

(*b*) The General Council shall include not fewer than 5 and not more than 12 Additional Members, among whom all past Presidents while in good standing shall automatically have place. Other members shall on the nomination of the President be elected for a term of three years by vote of the General Council at its Annual Meeting, their names having been sent to the Members of the General Council at least three months before the Annual Meeting.

(*c*) Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.

(*d*) The Secretary shall be the Secretary of the General Council.

Removal of General Council members and officers

3. It shall be competent for the General Council to remove any of its members, or any officer of the Society excepting the President of The Theosophical Society and excepting the General Secretaries of National Societies, by a three-fourths majority of its whole number of members, at a special meeting called for the purpose, of which at least three months' notice shall have been given, the quorum consisting, however, of not fewer than five members.

Meetings of the General Council

4. (*a*) The General Council shall ordinarily meet once a year, at the time of the Annual Meeting or Convention of the Society; but a special meeting may be called at any time by the President, and a meeting shall be called at any time by him, or if not by him, by the Secretary, on the written requisition of not less than one-fourth of the total number of members; but of such special meetings not less than three months' notice shall be given, and the notice shall contain a statement of the special business to be laid before the meeting.

(*b*) Whenever, at any time or place, a Convention or other function of the Society shall bring together a number of members of the General Council, the President at his discretion may call such members to a meeting for the purpose of study and discussion of any matters concerning the Society that he considers appropriate to lay before them. The meeting may then forward to the President its report on such matters and may make recommendations thereon. Such meetings shall be of a consultative nature without administrative or legislative authority, or may be of a legislative nature upon the decision of the General Council taken at least one year in advance.

In the event the President does not himself attend such a meeting he may

appoint the Vice-President or some other member of the General Council to preside in his stead.

The President or his Deputy shall give not less than thirty days' notice of such meeting to all members of the General Council who may be expected to be present at the function that provides occasion for the meeting, but all members of the Council shall have the right to attend.

Resolutions

5. (*a*) On the request of any member of the General Council any resolution or other item of business proposed by such member shall be placed on the Agenda, and circulated with brief supporting statements, for consideration at the next meeting of the General Council, provided that not less than six months' notice of such resolution or item of business shall be given to the Secretary.

(*b*) At all meetings of the General Council, members thereof may vote in person, or in writing, or by proxy duly given to another member of the General Council for the particular meeting concerned. Except as aforesaid no member shall exercise more than one vote. No member shall be allowed to exercise more than 5 proxy votes.

Note: Meetings include adjourned meetings.

Quorum

6. The quorum of an ordinary as well as of a special meeting of the General Council shall be five members. If there be no quorum, the meeting may be adjourned *sine die*, or the Chairman of the meeting may adjourn it to another date, of which three months' further notice shall be given, when the business of the meeting shall be disposed of, irrespective of whether there is a quorum present or not.

Who Shall Preside

7. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, of the Society shall preside at all meetings of The Theosophical Society or of the General Council, and shall have a casting vote in the case of an equal division of the members voting on any question before the meeting.

President

8. In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the meeting shall elect a chairman from among the members present at the meeting, and he shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie.

President's term of office

9. The term of office of the President shall be seven years from the date of assuming office.

Election of President

10. The procedure for election to the office of President shall be as follows:

(*a*) Seven months before the expiration of a President's term of office, or within three days of the office becoming vacant, the Executive Committee shall appoint a special Committee consisting of three members of The Theosophical Society in good standing including the Secretary, but excluding any candidate for the office of President, to carry out the election procedure as hereinunder detailed.

This Committee shall be known as the Election Committee and shall be answerable only to the Executive Committee.

It shall be automatically dissolved on the declaration of the voting result.

(*b*) Immediately on its appointment, the Election Committee shall instruct the Secretary to send out to the members of the General Council a written call for nominations for the office of President.

The call for nominations shall be sent by airmail or other expeditious means if airmail be unavailable, followed one week later by a second (duplicate) call.

(*c*) Any member of the Society in good standing, having been a member for at least ten consecutive years

immediately preceding his nomination, may be nominated.

Each member of the General Council who is a General Secretary, Regional Secretary or Organizing Secretary, shall be entitled to make three nominations and shall consult his Governing Body before making nominations.

The President shall be entitled to make three nominations.

The Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and each Additional Member of the General Council who is not a Regional Secretary or Organizing Secretary shall be entitled to make one nomination.

It shall be the responsibility of the nominator to see that his nomination(s) together with the written consent of the nominee(s) reach the Secretary within ten weeks of the date of the call for nominations.

(*d*) At the expiration of ten weeks, the Election Committee shall place all the nominations received, together with the relevant papers, before the Executive Committee at a meeting especially convened for the purpose.

At such meeting the Executive Committee shall examine the nominations.

The three nominees having the highest number of nominations shall alone be qualified to be on the voting list, but if two (or more) nominees qualify for the last place on the voting list, they shall both (or all) be included in the list.

No nominee shall be included in the voting list unless supported by at least twelve nominations.

The names of the nominees who thus qualify for inclusion shall be listed in alphabetical order.

This list, as finalized by the Executive Committee, shall be the voting list and shall not be subject to challenge.

(*e*) The Secretary shall then immediately communicate in writing by airmail or other expeditious means (followed one week later by a second and duplicate communication) the voting list together with biographical data of the candidates in accordance with Appendix A to these Rules, to the General Secretaries, Regional Secretaries, Organizing Secretaries, and Presidential Representatives and to the Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-large attached to Headquarters.

Each General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary and Presidential Representative shall make known the names of the candidates and their biographical data to the members in his area and take the votes in accordance with the instructions in Appendix B to these Rules of the individual members on the rolls of his National Society or area of administration who have been members in good standing for two full years as on the date of the call for nominations, and shall communicate the result to the Secretary in accordance with the instructions given in Appendix B to these Rules.

The Election Committee shall take the votes in accordance with the instructions given in Appendix B of these Rules of the members of the Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-large attached to Headquarters who have been members in good standing for two full years as on the date of the call for nominations.

The voting results must reach the Secretary within fifteen weeks of the date of issue of the voting list by him.

If only one name remains on the voting list, the vote shall be taken on a 'For' or 'Against' ballot.

(*f*) At the expiration of fifteen weeks from the date of issue of the voting list by the Secretary, the voting results shall be totalled by the Election Committee and placed before the Executive Committee.

Within three days of the closing date of voting, the candidate who has received the largest number of votes shall be declared elected President and shall assume office not later than thirty days thereafter.

In the event of a tie, or of the rejection of a single candidate in a 'For' or 'Against' ballot, or of a candidate on the voting list dying or being so seriously incapacitated as to be unable to carry out the Presidential duties if elected, after the despatch of the voting list and before the final totalling of votes, the nomination and election procedure shall be repeated, commencing within seven days from the notification of the fact to the Secretary, and the President in office or the Vice-President if he is temporarily filling such office, shall continue therein until a new President assumes office.

Note: A member is in good standing if his dues have been paid for the last official year to his Section, Regional Association or Presidential Agency or in the case of Lodges (Branches) attached direct to Adyar and Fellows-at-large to the Secretary or Treasurer concerned.

Nomination and election of Vice-President; his duties

11. (*a*) Within three months of assuming office the President shall nominate the Vice-President subject to confirmation by the General Council. His term of office shall be at the discretion of the President but when the Vice-President has been three years in office that office shall become vacant by the passage of time and the President, within three months, shall again make a nomination and submit it to the General Council. Notwithstanding this provision the Vice-President shall remain in office and his term shall continue until a successor has been nominated and confirmed. The Vice-President in office may be renominated. It shall be his duty, among other things, to carry on the executive functions of the President in case the President is dead or where the Executive Committee finds that he is disabled by accident, serious illness or otherwise from performing the duties of the President.

(*b*) Notwithstanding anything herein contained the Vice-President doing the duties of the President shall continue to be the Vice-President of the Society until a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. In case of death, resignation or disability of such Vice-President doing the duties of the President, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Vice-President who shall hold office until the new President shall have nominated a new Vice-President and his nomination be confirmed by the General Council.

Appointment of other officials

12. The Secretary and such subordinate officials as are necessary shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee at its next meeting, the newly appointed officials not being present or voting. The Executive Committee may remove any of these appointees, by a vote of three-fourths of the whole number of its members. In this event, the President shall make a new appointment.

Removal of appointees from office

13. The President shall nominate the Treasurer, following consultation with and approval by the Executive Committee and subsequent confirmation by the General Council for a period of three years. In the event of an emergency, the President may appoint an acting Treasurer with the approval of the Executive Committee until such time as the General Council can confirm a new Treasurer in accordance with the procedure laid down above. The Treasurer may be removed

from office by the General Council or by a vote of three-fourths of the number of members of the Executive Committee. In such an event, the President shall nominate a new Treasurer, following consultation with and approval by the Executive Committee and subsequent confirmation by the General Council.

Appointment of Executive Committee

14. (*a*) The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Executive Committee for the ensuing year or until its next Annual Meeting, of not less than seven and not more than ten members, of whom at least six shall be members of the General Council. The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members. Vacancies caused by death or resignation or otherwise may be filled by co-option.

(*b*) The General Council may delegate to the Executive Committee any of its powers and authority in the management of the business and affairs of the Society except:

(i) The power to amend or repeal the Rules;

(ii) The power to borrow money and incur indebtedness;

(iii) Such powers as are specifically reserved to the President.

The Executive Committee shall have such powers as are delegated to it by the General Council and as are specified in the Rules. The Executive Committee may recommend to the General Council programmes, policies or activities, but it may not initiate projects requiring major funds not within the current approved budget.

Meetings of Executive Committee

15. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every three months for the receipt and consideration of accounts and the despatch of any other business. A special meeting may be called by the President whenever he thinks fit, and such meeting shall be called by him, or if not by him, by the Secretary, when he is required to do so, by not fewer than three members of the Committee, who shall state to him in writing the business for which they wish the meeting to assemble.

Quorum of Executive Committee

16. At a meeting of the Executive Committee, three members shall constitute a quorum.

Chairman of Executive Committee

17. The Committee shall, in the absence of the President and Vice-President, elect a Chairman to preside over the meeting and in case of equality of votes the Chairman for the time being shall have a casting vote.

President Custodian of archives; Executive Officer; power to make temporary and provisional appointments

18. The President shall be the custodian of all the archives and records of the Society, and shall be the Executive Officer and shall conduct and direct the business of the Society in compliance with its rules; he shall be empowered to make temporary appointments and to fill provisionally all vacancies that occur in the offices of the Society, and shall have discretionary powers in all matters not specifically provided for in these Rules.

Receipt of moneys

19. All subscriptions, donations and other moneys payable to the Association shall be received by the President, or the Treasurer, or the Secretary, the receipt of any of whom in writing shall be sufficient discharge for the same.

Deposits, Signatories

20. The securities and uninvested funds of the Society shall be deposited in the State Bank of India, Madras, or such other Bank or Banks as the

Executive Committee, T.S., shall select; and in countries outside of India, in such Banks as the President shall select. Cheques drawn against the funds shall be signed by any two of the following: the President, the Treasurer, the Secretary and any other persons appointed by the President for the purpose under Rule 12.

Power of Attorney

21. (*a*) Notwithstanding anything in these rules to the contrary the President may, touching the assets and affairs of the Society beyond India, at any time and from time to time by a Power of Attorney appoint any persons to be the Attorneys of the Society for such period and subject to such conditions and for such purposes and with such authorities and powers as he may think fit, and he may if necessary affix the Seal of the Society thereto.

Without prejudice to the general powers conferred as aforesaid, the President may grant power and authority among others to sell, grant mortgage, lease or otherwise transfer the assets of the Society, movable or immovable, real or personal, and to receive subscription, donations, legacies, moneys and other property, movable or immovable, and to institute, continue, compromise, compound or refer to arbitration any actions, suits, or other proceedings, and to take and hold shares in any Company, and to vote at any meetings thereof, and to sub-delegate all or any of his powers, and to give receipts and releases, and to sign, seal and deliver any instrument or document and have the same registered.

Investments

(*b*) The funds of the Society may be invested by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, in Government or other Public Securities, or in the purchase of immovable property or First Mortgages in such property.

Disposal of Adyar Estate

(*c*) The Adyar Estate of the Society in Madras including the Society's original Headquarters and all other properties in Adyar since acquired by gift, purchase or otherwise, shall not at any time be disposed of by sale, gift, exchange, mortgage or otherwise; save that the President, if specially authorized by a resolution of the General Council, passed by a three-fourths vote of their members, voting in person, in writing or by proxy, may dispose of such outlying portions of the said Adyar Estate, as may be specified in such Resolutions.

Transfer of investments and other property

(*d*) The President may, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer any investment in Government or other Public securities, or any movable or immovable property of the Society other than those mentioned in Rule 21(*c*).

Affixing of Seal, Signatures

22. (*a*) All deeds whereby immovable properties belonging to the Society are transferred or otherwise dealt with shall have affixed to them the Seal of the Society with the signature of the President and of the Secretary. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is by reason of disability caused by accident, illness or otherwise, unable to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

Transfer of movable property

(*b*) All transfers of movable property, if in writing, shall bear the signature of the President and of the Secretary but need not have affixed to them the Seal of the Society. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is by reason of disability caused by accident,

illness or otherwise, unable to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

Note: The procedure detailed in this Rule is without prejudice to the powers conferred under Rule 21 (*a*).

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23. The Society may sue and be sued in the name of the President.

Secretary to affix Seal

24. The Secretary may, with the authority of the President, or of the two substitutes appointed according to Rule 22, affix the Seal of the Society on all instruments requiring to be sealed, and all such instruments shall be signed by the President or by the two substitutes above mentioned and the Secretary.

Death or resignation of President

25. On the death or resignation of the President, the Secretary shall at once make arrangements for the election of a new President, in accordance with Rule 10, and until such new President is elected the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President.

Headquarters

Head-quarters

26. Headquarters of the Society are established at Adyar Madras, and are outside the jurisdiction of the Indian Section.

Permission to reside

27. The President shall have full power and discretion to permit to any person the use of any premises or portion thereof in the Adyar Estate for occupation and residence, on such terms as the President may lay down, or to refuse permission so to occupy or reside. Any person occupying such premises under the permission granted by the President shall, on a fortnight's notice given by or on behalf of the President, unconditionally quit the premises before the expiry of that period. When circumstances warrant it, the fortnight's notice may be dispensed with and the person shall quit immediately when required to do so.

Organization

Eligibility for membership

28. Every person of ten full years of age, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour, shall be eligible for membership in the Society, but those under the age of eighteen shall be admitted to membership only with the written consent of parent or guardian, and shall have no right to vote until they have reached the age of eighteen years.

Admission to membership

29. (*a*) Admission to membership may be obtained through the President of a Lodge (Branch), the General Secretary of a National Society or, through the Secretary; and a Diploma (Certificate) of membership shall be issued to the Fellow, bearing the signature of the President, and countersigned by the General Secretary, where the applicant resides within the territory of a National Society, or countersigned by the Secretary, if admission to membership has been obtained through the Secretary.

(*b*) Admission to membership shall be at the discretion of the National Society or the International Secretary, as the case may be.

(*c*) The date of membership will begin:

Membership Date

(i) When admission has been made through the General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary, or Presidential Representative from the date of acceptance by the General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary or Presidential Representative as entered by him and duly reported to the Secretary at Adyar.

(ii) When admission has been made through the Secretary, from the date of acceptance of the application by him, and so recorded in his office.

(*d*) Members may not be full members of more than one Lodge (Branch) at a time, but may be accepted as Affiliated or Honorary Members of Lodges (Branches) other than the one in which they are full members. Affiliated or Honorary Members may possess such rights and privileges as are accorded to them by the Lodge (Branch) in which they hold such membership, but they shall not be founder members of new Lodges (Branches), but if a member becomes a founder member of a new Lodge (Branch), he must become a full member of such Lodge (Branch) and shall relinquish full membership in any other Lodge (Branch). Affiliated or Honorary Members are not to be counted in the international records or vote in international elections other than through the Lodge (Branch) in which they hold full membership.

(*e*) Without prejudice to the provisions of Rule 10, no member in good standing for less than two years shall have the right to vote in elections and other matters pertaining to Lodges, Federations, Regional Associations, National Societies or other duly constituted bodies of the Theosophical Society. In the case of newly formed Lodges (Branches), or in other special circumstances, the General Secretary, or National Council or Committee, or the International Secretary, as the case may be, shall have the power to waive the requirements of this rule.

Lodges and Fellows within a National Society

30. Lodges (Branches) and Fellows, whether unattached or attached to a Lodge (Branch), residing within the territory of a National Society, shall normally belong to that National Society, unless coming under Rule 31.

Provided that with the consent of the General Secretaries concerned a member who belongs to one National Society may, while retaining his membership of that National Society, belong to another National Society as an Affiliated or Honorary Member, but he shall not cast a vote in matters relating to The Theosophical Society in the National Society in which he is an Affiliated or Honorary Member.

When a National Society under its own rules provides for Life Membership in that National Society, such Life Membership shall no longer be effective where a Member resides in the territory of or transfers his membership to another National Society, unless the specific approval of the General Secretaries concerned has been granted.

Lodges and Fellows within a National Society but attacheddirect to Adyar or to another National Society

31. (*a*) When an individual Fellow in good standing, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such individual Fellow may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible. This shall equally apply in the case of the admission of any new member.

(*b*) A Fellow of The Theosophical Society in good standing who is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he or she belongs or ought to belong under Rule 30 and of joining another National Society, may be permitted by the President

to do so provided such Fellow presents reason sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, and provided further that the application for transfer is submitted with the approval of the General Secretaries of both National Societies concerned.

This rule shall apply equally in the case of the admission of a new member.

(*c*) When a Lodge (Branch), for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which it belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such Lodge (Branch) may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible.

Before any Lodge (Branch) shall have the right to apply to be directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, it shall have mailed to each of its members individually a notice that such application is about to be considered. Such notice must be mailed not less than two weeks before the meeting at which such consideration is to take place, and voting on the application shall be deferred until two months after that meeting. If at such first meeting, or any succeeding meeting pursuant thereto, it is decided to bring the application to a vote as herein provided, a full report of the reasons for such action shall at once be sent to the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Any application for separation from the National Society to which a Lodge (Branch) belongs shall be ineffective unless two-thirds of the members of the Lodge (Branch) vote in favour thereof.

(*d*) In the event of any undue delay in the transmission of any application under any of the foregoing provisions of this Rule, a correct copy of such application (duly signed or otherwise authenticated) may be transmitted directly to the President by the Fellow or Lodge (Branch) concerned, and the President may act on such copy if in his absolute discretion it appears to him to be fit or proper that he should so act. Any action so taken by the President shall be as valid and effectual, for all purposes, as if it had been taken on the original application submitted for transmission to the President. The Fellow or Lodge (Branch), when forwarding such copy to the President directly, shall state the full grounds and reasons for the direct transmission.

Lodges and Fellows where no National Society exists

32. Lodges (Branches) or Fellows-at-large, in countries where no National Society exists, must apply for their Charters or Diplomas (Certificates) directly to the Secretary, and may not, without the sanction of the President, belong to National Societies within the territorial limits of which they are not situated or resident.

Formation of a Lodge

33. Any seven Fellows may apply to be chartered as a Lodge (Branch). In a country where no National Society exists the application must be forwarded to the President of the Society through the Secretary.

The Presidents, Secretaries and other Officers, including Committee Members, of Lodges (Branches) shall have been members in good standing for not less than two consecutive years immediately prior to their election. In the case of newly formed Lodges (Branches), or in other special circumstances, the General Secretary or National Council or Committee, or

the International Secretary, as the case may be, shall have the power to waive the requirements of this rule.

Three or more members, but less than seven, may apply for certification as an Official Study Centre, but such Official Study Centres shall not be considered as units to be counted in application for the formation of a National Society.

President grants, refuses Charters

34. The President shall have authority to grant or refuse applications for Charters, which, if issued, must bear his signature and that of the Secretary, and the Seal of the Society, and be recorded at the Headquarters of the Society.

Formation of a National Society

35. (*a*) A National Society may be formed by the President, upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges(Branches) consisting of at least 70 members of the Society in good standing.

Formation of a Section

(*b*) Upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges (Branches) in areas which are territorially adjacent and in which there are not sufficient Lodges (Branches) for each national group to form a National Society, the President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a Charter constituting such Lodges (Branches) into a Section. The Charter shall confer the same powers as one issued to a National Society. In all respects the rules applying to National Societies shall apply to any group of Lodges (Branches) holding a Charter under this rule.

Formation of a Regional Association

(*c*) The President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a certificate of Regional Association to any national or territorially adjacent group of Lodges (Branches) not sufficient in number or otherwise unable to form or to maintain a National Society, as defined in these Rules, or where in his judgement territorial division or other causes have made such Regional Association necessary or desirable. Any such Regional Association may elect an Organizing Secretary or other executive officer or officers for the purpose of further organization and the transaction of business.

A Regional Association shall not appoint a General Secretary (as the term is used in these Rules) nor be represented on the General Council. In all other respects the Rules applicable to National Societies and to General Secretaries shall apply to Regional Associations and to their chief executives.

Appointment of Presidential Representatives

(*d*) The President shall have authority at his discretion to appoint and to withdraw appointments of Presidential Representatives to act under his instructions for the purposes of conducting the business and administration of the Society in any place and in any respect not inconsistent with these Rules. Each such appointment and the power delegated to each such Representative shall be evidenced by a Letter of Appointment referring to this Rule.

Authority of Charters and Diplomas

36. (*a*) All Charters of National Societies or Lodges (Branches) and all Diplomas (Certificates) of membership derive their authority from the President, acting as Executive Officer of the General Council of the Society, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

(*b*) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-rule (*a*), a National Society, Section or Regional Association may cancel the Charter of a Lodge (Branch) within its area. This power shall be exercised by the Governing Body or Committee which is responsible, according to the constitution, rules and regulations of the National Society, Section or Regional Association, for the manage-

ment of the business and affairs of the National Section or Regional Association.

(*c*) The Lodge (Branch) may appeal to the President against the cancellation of its Charter under sub-rule (*b*) within a period of three months from the date of receipt of the order of cancellation of the Charter, and the President may either uphold or quash the order of cancellation. The decision of the President shall be deemed to be effective from the date of the order of cancellation of the Charter by the National Society, Section or Regional Association.

Provided that if the President does not pass an order on the appeal within a period of nine months from the date of receipt of the appeal, the cancellation of the Charter shall be deemed to have been upheld.

Minimum number of members for National Society

(*d*) If at any time the number of members in good standing of a National Society falls below seventy and the number of Lodges (Branches) falls below five, the President may, at his discretion, withdraw its Charter.

Rules of Lodges and National Societies

37. Each Lodge (Branch) and National Society shall have the power to make its own Rules which shall not be incompatible with the Rules of the National Society to which the Lodge (Branch) belongs or with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

All Rules of Lodges (Branches) and National Societies and amendments thereto shall be submitted for approval within thirty days of their adoption as follows: In the case of a Lodge (Branch) belonging to a National Society, all such Rules and amendments shall be submitted to the General Secretary of that National Society; in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) not situated within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge directly attached to Adyar under Rule 31(*c*) all such Rules or amendments thereto shall be submitted directly to the President.

All Rules and amendments shall be put into force if approval has not been refused within ninety days of acknowledgement of their receipt.

If by a change made in a Rule of The Theosophical Society, any Rule of a National Society, which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of The Theosophical Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the National Society shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

If by a change made in a Rule of a National Society, any Rule of a Lodge (Branch) which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of the National Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the Lodge (Branch) shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of the National Society.

General Secretary

38. (*a*) Every National Society shall elect a General Secretary, who shall be the channel of official communication between the General Council and the National Society.

(*b*) The General Secretary shall be elected according to the procedure laid down in the rules and regulations of the National Society for a term not exceeding three years. He shall, however, be eligible for re-election for a further term or terms, if the rules of the National Society permit it.

(*c*) The General Secretary shall generally reside within the area of the National Society and shall not be absent from the area for any period or periods exceeding the limit prescribed by the National Society.

(*d*) General Secretaries, Regional Secretaries, Organizing Secretaries and other Officers, including Committee Members of National Societies and Regional Associations, shall have been members in good standing for not less than three consecutive years, immediately prior to their election to the office concerned. Provided that in special circumstances, the National Council or Committee shall have power to waive the requirements of this rule.

Annual Report

39. The General Secretary of each National Society shall forward to the President, annually, not later than the first day of November, a report of the year's work of his Society, and at any time furnish any further information the President or General Council may desire.

National Societies known as Sections

40. National Societies hitherto known as Sections, which have been incorporated under the name of 'The . . . Section of The T.S.' before the year 1908, may retain that name in their respective countries, in order not to interfere with the incorporation already existing, but shall be included under the name of National Societies, for all purposes in these Rules and Regulations.

Finance

Fees and Subscriptions

41. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall together have the power to fix or vary fees and charges payable to the General Treasury by Lodges (Branches) not comprised within the limits of any National Society; for Charters of such Lodges (Branches); for Diplomas (Certificates) of Membership and for Annual subscription of Fellows of such Lodges (Branches); and in the case of Lodges (Branches) comprised within the jurisdiction of a National Society, Regional Association, or Presidential Agency for Charters when printed at or supplied by the Adyar Headquarters. The Secretary should inform the General Council within three months of any changes in fees and charges. The Annual Subscription of Fellows other than Fellows-at-large or members of Lodges (Branches) attached directly to Adyar shall be the amount prescribed for Annual Subscription by the by-laws or other regulations of the National Society to which such Fellows are attached, or equivalents.

Fellows-at-large: Fees and Subscriptions

42. Fellows-at-large resident within the territory of a National Society under the Provision of Rule 31 (*a*) shall pay to the General Treasury as Entrance Fee and as Annual Subscription the amounts prescribed by the bylaws or other regulations of such National Society, but not less than the fee and subscription fixed for a Fellow-at-large not resident within the territory of a National Society.

Fellows-at-large not resident within the territory of a National Society, shall pay such Entrance Fee, Diploma Fee and Annual Subscription as shall be fixed by the President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Secretary shall inform the General Council of any changes in such fees within three months of their being made.

National Societies: fees to Adyar

43. (*a*) Each National Society shall pay into the General Treasury fifteen per cent of the total amount of fees payable by members to the Section and shall remit the same to the Treasurer at Adyar on or before the first day of September of the current year, and the financial year of the Society shall close on 30th September.

Presidential Agencies: dues

(*b*) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 41(*a*) and Rule 42, the President at his discretion may authorize Presiden-

tial Representatives to collect dues in territories to which they have been appointed and to remit in accordance with Rule 43 (*a*).

Cancellation of Charter or dissolution of National Society or Lodge

44. In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36, or the dissolution of any National Society or of a Lodge (Branch), the constituent Charter of the National Society or of the Lodge (Branch), granted by the President, shall *ipso facto* become forfeited or lapsed, and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas (Certificates), Seal, Records and other papers belonging to or in the custody of such National Society or Lodge (Branch) shall vest as follows:

Vesting of property of National Society or Lodge

(*a*) in the Society, in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) not within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) coming under Rule 31(*c*) (except) where the law of the country where the National Society or Lodge (Branch) is situated prohibits such vesting, in which case the property shall vest (as hereinafter provided) and delivery shall be made to the President, or to his nominee on his behalf.

(*b*) in the National Society in which the Lodge (Branch) is situated, in the case of a Lodge (Branch) within the territory of a National Society, said Lodge (Branch) not coming under Rule 31(*c*), and delivery shall be made to the General Secretary of the said National Society.

No National Society or Lodge (Branch) whose Charter shall have become forfeited or lapsed shall continue to use the name, motto, or seal of the Society except for the purpose of vesting in the Society or in the National Society, as the case may be, the real and personal property of such National Society or Lodge (Branch).

Revival or transfer of Charter

Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall have power to revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge (Branch), as the case may be, whose Charter shall have become so forfeited or lapsed, and to transfer the said Charter to other Lodges (Branches) being not fewer than seven in number, or to other Fellows being not less than seven in number, as the case may be, or to such other nominees of his as in his judgement shall seem best for the interest of the Society.

Provided further that in cases in which the Charter of a Lodge (Branch) had been cancelled by a National Society, Section or Regional Association under sub-rule (*b*) of Rule 36 and, on an appeal under sub-rule (*c*) of that Rule, the President quashes the order of cancellation, all property of the Lodge (Branch) shall again vest in the Lodge (Branch), and shall be deemed to have remained so vested from the date of the order of cancellation of the Charter by the National Society, Section or Regional Association.

In cases under (*a*) above, where such vesting in the Society is prohibited by the law of the country in which is situated the National Society or the Lodge (Branch) whose Charter has become forfeited or lapsed as aforesaid, the property shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees appointed by the President.

To effect any transfer of property, to which the Society may become entitled under this Rule, it shall be lawful for the President to appoint an agent or nominee for the purpose of executing any necessary document or documents, or for taking any steps necessary effectually to transfer the said property to the Society.

45. The financial accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by qualified Auditors who shall be appointed by the General Council at each Annual Meeting for the ensuing year.

Financial accounts

MEETING

46. The Annual General Meeting or Convention of the Society shall be held at such time and in such place as shall be determined by the Executive Committee in June of each year, but such Annual General Meeting or Convention must be held within six months of the close of the Society's year and may be held outside India not more than once in every three years. National Societies desirous of inviting the Convention and able to make due arrangements for its accommodation, shall send the invitation at least twelve months prior to the Convention with particulars of the arrangements they propose to make.

Annual General Meeting

47. Not more than once in every seven years a World Congress of The Theosophical Society may be held at a place and date to be fixed by the General Council, but so as not to interfere with the Annual Convention.

World Congress

48. The President shall have the power to convene special meetings of the Society at his discretion.

Special meetings

REVISION

49. The General Council, of their own motion or on the motion of the Executive Committee and after at least three months' notice has been given to each member of said Council, may, by a three-fourths vote of those members who vote in person, in writing, or by proxy, make, alter or repeal the Rules and Regulations of the Society, in such manner as it may deem expedient.

Changes in Rules and Regulations

50. The General Council may frame bylaws not inconsistent with these Rules and Regulations and may add to, alter, or repeal such bylaws, consistently with the said Rules and Regulations, as it may deem expedient.

Bylaws

APPENDIX

A: Biographical Data of Presidential Candidates.

Each candidate shall submit to the Secretary biographical data not exceeding two hundred words.

The following information shall be included: (a) date and place of birth (b) education (c) past and present occupations (d) date of joining The Theosophical Society (e) work done for The Theosophical Society.

Other information may be included but must be factual and shall not contain statements of opinion or policy.

The biographical data for circulation shall be drawn up by the Election Committee on the basis of the information supplied by the candidates, and shall be approved by the Executive Committee (excluding any candidates for election) before being issued.

B: Voting Procedure for a Presidential Election.

Note: Where the term 'General Secretary' is used, it refers also to Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary, and Presidential Representative. Where the term 'Section' is used, it refers also to National Society, Regional Association and Presidential Agency.

(*a*) The Section shall print the voting papers and biographical data as soon as the names of the nominees are announced.

Where practicable, in the view of the General Secretary, all the papers should be in the language(s) of the area.

It shall be the responsibility of the General Secretary, to ensure that the voting papers together with the biographical data in full are sent to each member.

Other material concerning the candidates shall not be circulated.

(*b*) The voting paper shall consist of two parts: the voting slip, and the letter form which the member signs and addresses to the General Secretary.

Each member shall be given two envelopes, a small one in which he will place only the voting slip and seal it, and a larger one addressed to the General Secretary, in which he will enclose the small sealed envelope and the letter form signed by him.

(*c*) As the papers are received, the General Secretary, with the scrutineers appointed by the Executive Committee of the Section (preferably not members of that committee), shall open the larger envelopes addressed to him to ensure the validity of the votes by checking the eligibility of the voter who has signed the letter form.

He shall then put the small sealed envelopes containing the voting slips into a sealed box.

This box shall be opened on the appointed day by the scrutineers. Voting papers received after this date shall be treated as invalid and shall be destroyed unopened.

The scrutineers shall open the small envelopes and count the votes given to each candidate (or the number of 'For' or 'Against' votes if there is but one candidate).

(*d*) The General Secretary shall record the result of the count on Form C which will be supplied from the Secretary's Office at the same time as the list to be voted upon.

He shall place Form C in the small

envelope labelled 'Voting Result..... Section', seal the envelope and enclose it in the larger envelope addressed to the Secretary.

This must be sent by airmail or other expeditious means to reach the Secretary within fifteen weeks from the date of issue of the voting list by him.

(*e*) The small envelope containing the voting results of the Section shall be kept unopened in a sealed box by the Secretary until the close of voting.

It shall then be opened by the Election Committee.

The larger envelope shall be kept separately and shall not be destroyed until after the voting results are announced, and under the authority of the Executive Committee.

(*f*) If the voting returns have not been received by the Secretary within twelve weeks of the date of issue of the voting list by him, he shall cable the General Secretary concerned, informing him of this fact.

The General Secretary shall immediately send to the Secretary by airmail or other expeditious means a second (duplicate) voting return in a sealed envelope marked 'Duplicate'.

Cabled results will not be accepted.

Voting results received after the closing date will be destroyed unopened by the Secretary in the presence of three members of the Executive Committee, nominated by the said Committee, and the particulars of the Section from which the voting results were received and the date on which they were received, shall be recorded in writing, and the Secretary and the three members of the Executive Committee shall affix their signatures thereto.

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Secretary: MR CONRAD JAMIESON
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National Societies, Federations and Presidential Agencies

Date of Formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1947	Africa, East and Central	Mr Kiran H. Shah	55A Third Avenue Parklands, P.O. Box 48507, Nairobi, Kenya
1909	Africa, South	Mr Arthur Bunton	P.O. Box 22023, Kloofsig, 0034
1956	Africa, West *	Mr P.B. Kwakyi	P.O. Box 720, Accra, Ghana
1929	America, Central	Miss Carmen Aguilar Alvarez	Logia Gnosis, 3a Calle 5-35 Zona 2, Guatemala
1920	Argentina	Mr Manuel Farinich	Pje. Florencio Balcarce 71, 1405 Buenos Aires
1895	Australia	Miss Dianne Kay Kynaston	4th Flr., 484 Kent St., Sydney, N.S.W. 2000
1912	Austria	Mrs Margaret Lauppert	Postfach 655, A—8011, Graz
1911	Belgium	Dr H. van der Hecht	166 Rue de la Cambre, 1200 Bruxelles
1965	Bolivia †	Mr Mario Cariaga Aramayo	Casilla 2083, La Paz
1920	Brazil	Mr Joao Baptista Brito Pinto	R. Anita Garibaldi, 29-10° andar, CEP 01018, Sao Paulo SP.
1912	Burma	U Maung Gyi	No 102, 49th Street, East Rangoon
1919	Canada	Mr Stan Treloar	57 Eleanor Cres., Georgetown, ON, L7G 2T7
1924	Canada *	Mr George H. Duguay	443 Hamel Street, Laval, Quebec, H7P 3L5
1920	Chile	Mr Mauricio Froimovich	Casilla 3603, Santiago
1937	Colombia	Mr Gabriel Burgos S.	Carrera 6A, No. 56-40, Bogota
1905	Cuba	Dr Luis Manuel Coloma Delgado	P.O. Box 6365, Havana
1918	Denmark	Mrs Marion Bennis	Banevej 3, Hyllested, 4261 Dalmose
1888	England	Dr Hugh Gray	50 Gloucester Place, London W1H 3HJ
1907	Finland	Mrs Kyllikki Vuorinen	Vironkatu 7c2, 00170, Helsinki 17
1899	France	Mrs Françoise Caracostea	4 Square Rapp, 75007 Paris
1902	Germany, West	Mrs Eva Maas	An der Lachebrucke 10, D-6450 Hanau 1
1928	Greece	Mr C. Melissaropoulous	26 Harilaou Trikoupi Street, Athens 10679
1921	Iceland	Mr Jón L. Arnalds	Ingolfsstraeti 22, Reykjavik

1891	India	Dr C. V. Agarwal	...	The Theosophical Society, Varanasi 221 010
1912	Indonesia	Mr H.M. Soesiswo	...	Jalan Oto Iskandardinata III/G. 336, Jatinegara, Jakarta Timor
1949	Ireland, Northern*	Mr Antonio Rodriguez	...	Gateway House, 242, Antrim Road, Belfast BT15 2AR
1919	Ireland, Rep. of	Mr Matthew Finnegan	...	31 Pembroke Road, Dublin 4
1902	Italy	Mr Edoardo Bratina	...	via E. Toti 3, (Post Box 1252) 34131 Trieste
1948	Malaysia †	Mr S. Narayanan	...	12 Lorong Damansarah Endah, Kuala Lumpur
1919	Mexico	Mr Isaac Jauli Davila	...	3 Poniente No. 724-A, 72000 Puebla, Pue
1897	Netherlands, The	Mr Paul Zwollo	...	Tolstraat 154, 1074 VM Amsterdam
1896	New Zealand	Mr Jack Patterson	...	18 Belvedere Street, Epsom, Auckland 3
1913	Norway	Ms Agnes Ibsen	...	Odd Husbysvag 82 B, 7000 Trondheim
1948	Pakistan †	Mrs Gool K. Minwalla	...	'Q' House, 2nd Floor, 2 Framroze Road, Bath Island, Karachi 0402
1933	Philippines, The	Mr Vicente Haó Chin Jr	...	Corner P. Florentino and Iba Streets, Quezon City
1921	Portugal	Dr Maria G. Nobre Santos	...	Campo Martires da Pàtria 69, r/c- Dto., Lisbon 1
1925	Puerto Rico	Mrs Maria L. Rodriguez	...	G.P.O. Box 1766, San Juan, 00936
1910	Scotland †	Mrs Margaret T. Senior	...	12 Granary Park, Rafford, by Forres, Morayshire, IV 36 OJZ
1921	Spain	Mr Fernando Perez Martin	...	Sociedad Teosofica Española, Rios Rosas, 25-1°-Dª, 28003 Madrid
1926	Sri Lanka	Mr Edmund P. Silva	...	49 Peterson Lane, Colombo 6
1895	Sweden	Mrs Ing-Britt Wiklund	...	Kalle Posts vag 48, S-702 29 Orebro
1910	Switzerland	Miss Elizabeth Jenny	...	Binderstrasse 62, CH-8702, Zollikon
1886	United States of America	Mrs Dorothy Abbenhouse	...	P.O. Box 270, Wheaton, Illinois 60189-0270
1925	Uruguay	Mr Jack Wiluzanski	...	J. Barrios Amorin 1085, Casilla de Coreos 1553
1953	Venezuela †	Dr Roger Vivas-Decanio	...	Apartado 2907, Caracas
1922	Wales	Mr R. M. Peters	...	17 Duffryn Avenue, Lakeside, Cardiff CF2 6LE
1925	Yugoslavia	Mr Anton Jesse	...	61000 Ljubljana, Kremzarjeva 18

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Additional Members of the General Council

Mrs Gool K. Minwalla, 'Q' House, 2nd Floor, 2 Framroze Road, Bath Island, Karachi 4, Pakistan (for 1986, 1987 and 1988)

Mr James S. Perkins, 29, Taormina Lane, Taormina, Ojai, California 93023, U.S.A. (for 1987, 1988 and 1989)

Dr Hugh Shearman, 36, Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT 146 JY, Northern Ireland (for 1987, 1988 and 1989)

Mrs Emily Sellon, 949, Forest Ave., Rye, N.Y., U.S.A. (for 1987, 1988 and 1989)

Miss Joy Mills, Krotona 22, Ojai, California 93023, U.S.A. (for 1986, 1987 and 1988)

Miss Ianthe H. Hoskins, 37, Victoria Hill Road, Hextable, Swanley, Kent BR8 7LL, England (for 1987, 1988 and 1989)

Mr C.R.N. Swamy, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 600 020, India (for 1987, 1988 and 1989)

Mr N. Muthuswamy, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 600 020, India (for 1985, 1986 and 1987)

Mrs Barbro Melander, Beleshogsv, 15, S-21618 Malmo, Sweden (for 1986, 1987 and 1988)

Mr S.S. Varma, B-6/8 Vasant Vihar, New Delhi 110057, India (for 1987, 1988 and 1989)

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES

Of the meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society held at Adyar on 25 December 1986 at 8 a.m. and the Adjourned Meeting 1st January, 1987

PRESENT

Mrs Radha Burnier	...	*President (in the Chair) and proxy for Indonesia, Mexico, Colombia, Italy and Central America.*
Mr Surendra Narayan	...	*Vice-President and proxy for Spain, Cuba, the Philippines, Germany and Mrs Gool Minwalla.*
Mr Conrad Jamieson	...	*Secretary and proxy for Belgium and East and Central Africa.*
Mr S. S. Varma	...	*Treasurer.*
Dr C. V. Agarwal	...	*General Secretary, T.S. in India.*
Mrs Dora Kunz	...	*General Secretary, T.S. in America, and proxy for Mrs Emily Sellon.*
Dr Hugh Gray	...	*General Secretary, T.S. in England, and proxy for Wales and Miss Ianthe H. Hoskins.*
Mrs Françoise Caracostea	...	*General Secretary, T.S. in France, and proxy for Portugal.*
Miss Elizabeth Jenny	...	*General Secretary, T.S. in Switzerland and proxy for Austria.*
Mr C.R.N. Swamy	...	*Additional Member and proxy for Brazil and for Mr V. W. Slater.*
Mr Curt Berg	...	*Additional Member and proxy for Sweden and Finland.*
Miss Joy Mills	...	*Additional Member and proxy for Australia and Mr James S. Perkins.*
Mrs Barbro Melander (afternoon session only owing to illness)	...	*Additional Member and proxy for the Netherlands.*
Mr N. Muthuswamy	...	*Additional Member.*

Present by Invitation as Observers

Dr R.S. Gupta, *Assistant Treasurer*
Mr A.V. Raval (*East and Central Africa*)
Miss Liisa Heikkila (*Fineland*)

The President welcomed those present and expressed her pleasure that so many members were able to attend.

The list of proxies was read.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the General Council held on 25 December 1985 and the adjourned meeting held on 1 January 1986, having been previously circulated were taken as read, and confirmed and signed.

2. Matters arising out of the Minutes

The Vice-President, who had been asked by the General Council to exercise supervision over the Treasury, stated in reply to a question that he was satisfied with the changes.

Dr Hugh Gray proposed that the Society's lawyers be asked to take suitable action against the former auditing firm, N. A. Naganathan & Co., for gross negligence. The other members supported this proposal.

3. Confirmation of Voting Results

(a) *Election of Mr Surendra Narayan as Vice-President for 1987, 1988 and 1989.*

The result of the voting was:

For	*Against*	*Abstaining*	*Invalid*	*Total*
35	—	2	1	38

The election of Mr Surendra Narayan as Vice-President for three years from 1 January 1987 was confirmed.

(b) *Election of Mr Curt Berg as Treasurer for 1987, 1988 and 1989.*

The result of the voting was:

For	*Against*	*Abstaining*	*Invalid*	*Total*
34	—	3	1	38

The election of Mr Curt Berg as Treasurer for three years from 1 January 1987 was confirmed.

(c) *Election of Additional Members of the General Council for 1987, 1988, and 1989.*

Name	*For*	*Against*	*Abstaining*	*Invalid*	*Total*
Mr James S. Perkins ...	37	—	—	1	38
Dr Hugh Shearman ...	36	—	1	1	38
Mrs Emily Sellon ...	37	—	—	1	38
Miss Ianthe H. Hoskins ...	37	—	—	1	38
Mr C.R.N. Swamy ...	37	—	—	1	38
Mr S.S. Varma ...	36	—	1	1	38

All the above-named six were declared elected as Additional Members for 1987, 1988 and 1989.

4. Report of the Non-English Publications Fund Committee for the year ending 30 September 1986

The report for the year was presented by the Vice-President. It was thought that some information about the recommended books would be desirable. Miss Joy Mills offered to submit comments on titles in the list for circulation to the Sections.

The Non-English Publication Fund Committee for the year 1987 shall consist of the following:

President, Mrs Radha Burnier, *Chairman*
Vice-President, Mr Surendra Narayan, *Vice-Chairman*
One Nominee each of the publishing houses at Adyar, Wheaton and London
Miss Joy Mills
The Chairman, European Federation
The Chairman, Inter-American Federation.

5. Report of the International Finance Committee for the year 1986

The report for the year was presented by the Vice-President.

The following were appointed members of the International Finance Committee for the year 1987:

Mrs Radha Burnier	*President*
Mr Surendra Narayan	*Vice-President*
Dr Hugh Gray	
Mrs Dora Kunz	
Mr Michel Chapotin	
Mr Roshan Goswami	

6. Report of the Executive Committee for the year ending 30 September 1986

A summary of the Executive Committee's minutes for 1985-86 was received.

The following were appointed as members of the Executive Committee for 1987:

Mrs Radha Burnier	*President*
Mr Surendra Narayan	*Vice-President*
Mr Conrad Jamieson	*Secretary*
Mr Curt Berg	*Treasurer*
Mr S.S. Varma	*General Council Member*
Mr C.R.N. Swamy	*General Council Member*
Mrs Norma Y. Sastry	
Mr R. Gopalaratnam	
Mr K. Visvanathan	

7. Treasurer's Report and Accounts

(a) *Accounts for 1984-85*

The audited accounts for the year 1984-85 were presented and after necessary clarifications, the same were adopted.

(b) *Accounts for 1985-86*

The Treasurer presented unaudited accounts for the year 1985-86 explaining that there was not enough time for completing the audit of these accounts, as the audit of these accounts could be taken up only after the investigative audits and the audit of 1984-85 accounts were completed, that is by the beginning of December 1986.

The 1985-86 accounts were considered. Copies of these accounts will be circulated later to all the members of the Council after they have been audited.

In the accounts for 1986-87, the John Coats Fund will be merged into the A.B.C. Fund as the purpose of both the Funds is the same.

8. Budget for 1986-87

The budget for the year ending 30th September 1987 was discussed and adopted.

9. Appointment of Auditors

Messrs. Fraser & Ross were appointed as the Society's auditors for the year ending 30th September 1987 on a fee of Rs. 10,000.

10. Amendment to Rule 21(b)

The following amendment to Rule 21(b) was proposed in order to allow greater freedom of investment, keeping in view the best return of interest and maximum security. It was resolved to circulate the amendment immediately to all General Council members for voting (alterations in italics).

21(b) The funds of the Society may be invested by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, in Government or other public securities, *Unit Trust of India, term deposits in Scheduled Banks, fixed deposits and bonds of Government of India undertakings*, or in the purchase of immovable property or first mortgages in such property.

11. Any Other Business

The situation in some Sections was discussed. It was mentioned that owing to lack of communication, confusion sometimes arises as to who is the General Secretary in a particular Section.

Strength of Sections

The President reported on the numerical strength of some very small Sections. There was a discussion on this matter and it was decided to circulate for voting by the General Council members the following amendment to rule 36(d) (alteration in italics):

If at any time the number of members in good standing of a National Society falls below seventy and the number of Lodges (Branches) falls below five, the President may, at his discretion, withdraw its Charter.

In the event of the Charter not being withdrawn, the General Secretary of the Section concerned shall cease to have voting rights as a member of the General Council, until the necessary numerical strength is recovered.

The International Secretary was requested to ascertain every year from the General Secretaries the date when the last election of the General Secretary and the other officers took place, particulars of the procedure adopted, etc.

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING

Held on 1st January 1987

11. Any other Business (contd.)

(h) *The Theosophist*

The letters received on this subject in response to the proposals of Miss Hoskins were placed before the Council. There was considerable discussion and the following decisions were taken:

i The world-wide activities of the T.S. which used to form the Supplement to *The Theosophist* should once again be included in *The Theosophist*, for such information is of interest to members and provides a picture of the International character of the Society to non-members.

ii A new cover design should be obtained and the magazine should come out with it from October 1987.

iii The Book Review section should be improved. Some suitable persons in England, the U.S. etc. should be asked to send reviews of interesting new publications. New books of theosophical interest should be reviewed even if they have not been sent for that purpose by the publishers.

Adyar Newsletter

It was decided that *Adyar Newsletter* should contain only news of Adyar and not report activities from other Sections. The news should be displayed in a more attractive way. Acknowledgement of donations should continue to appear in *Adyar Newsletter*.

Life Subscriptions

It was reported that the Life Subscription scheme for *The Theosophist* had met with a satisfactory response. It is hoped that there will also be a good response to the 15-year long-term subscription offered to T.S. lodges. The Council recommended that a joint life-subscription should be instituted for *The Theosophist* and *Adyar Newsletter*.

New T.P.H. Building

The ground plan for the new T.P.H. building to be constructed in Besant Gardens was examined by the Council members and they expressed satisfaction. It is expected that the building will be brought up to the plinth level by the end of 1987. It was decided to present a sketch of the plan in *Adyar Newsletter* mentioning some features, cost, etc.

Resolution on 'Freedom of Thought'

Mr A.V. Raval, observer from the East and Central African Section, had brought to the attention of the President that African members were unhappy with the first sentence of the resolution to the effect that Theosophy has spread throughout the 'civilized' world, suggesting that there are civilized as well as uncivilized areas in the world. It was resolved to delete the word 'civilized' from the resolution.

12. Discussion on T.S. work

There was a discussion about the work of the T.S. all over the world, with particular attention to the dissemination of theosophical knowledge through Schools of Theosophy, as well as emphasis upon the standard of conduct which should be required of T.S. members. All the members of the Council were of the view that educational programmes should not be centred on personalities or be controlled by a particular group of persons with their own special points of view. The aim of classes and study programmes should not be to indoctrinate students and inculcate certain set ideas in a dogmatic manner, but to encourage enquiry and discussion so that they learn to go deeper into questions of importance, ponder on them and obtain a clear insight of their own.

Mention was made that in Europe a certain number of 'mini' schools of Theosophy were organized for the benefit of members who could not speak English.

It was the view of the Council that important principles which should be applicable to all educational programmes should be outlined and sent to the Sections.

There was also a discussion about the quality and quantity of members in the different Sections since an analysis of membership figures over the years had been made by Michel Chapotin. It was recommended that attention should be given to the reasons behind any sudden rise or fall in membership.

General Secretaries are to be reminded that they are not under obligation to accept all applications. Lodges have the right to examine applications and to accept them or not, and General Secretaries have also the right to use their discretion.

In cases where the conduct of a member consistently violates essential theosophical principles and basic ethical norms, his diploma could be cancelled or the Lodge to which he belongs could remove the person from its rolls. Persons who take legal action against the Society and act deliberately against the Society's interests or continually slander the Society should not be allowed to join the Society or remain as members. The quality of membership is important and when accepting applications care should be taken that new entrants are prepared sufficiently for their membership to be meaningful.

The purpose of forming Lodges is to provide an opportunity for members to learn to work together and actually build the Lodge into a nucleus of Universal Brotherhood. This is one of the reasons why some Sections do not encourage applicants to remain unattached.
